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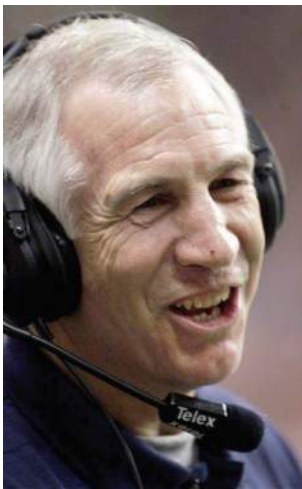


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The CNMI's struggling economy is set to receive a massive boost in 2012 with the launching of its first local airline. To be christened Saipan Air, this new venture aims to bolster tourist arrivals from the territory's largest tourist market, Japan.

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House gives casino bill another try

Senate session on Tinian today

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The House of Representatives passed yesterday a bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan but the Senate, which killed a similar bill last year, said it will not entertain the casino bill in their session

today on Tinian.

After pointed questions and brief debate among members, House Bill 17-240 passed by a vote of 10-5, with one voting "present," one abstaining, and three absences.

Many of those who voted "yes" on the casino bill cited the

need to restore 80 work hours biweekly, save the NMI Retirement Fund, and save the economy that now only relies on tourism that is still struggling.

The casino bill, introduced by Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Torres), along with co-sponsors, is now on its way to

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office has found weaknesses that "reduce" the accuracy of the methods used by some affected jurisdictions such as the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii in "collecting and reporting" on the impact of migration from the Freely Associated States.

GAO, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, released on Monday a report titled, "Com-

pacts of Free Association: Improvements Needed to Assess and Address Growing Migration."



Gootnick

The report, prepared by David B. Gootnick, GAO director for International Affairs and Trade, said some of the affected jurisdictions "did not accurately define compact migrants, account for federal

funding that supplemented local expenditures, or include revenue received from compact migrants."

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SUNSET VIGIL

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Medical Affairs acting director Dan Lamar, House Speaker Eli Cabrera, Rep. Joseph Palacios, and Diabetes Prevention and Control Program coordinator Grace Tenorio lead participants in the sunset vigil to mark the 2nd Annual World Diabetes Day celebration in the CNMI at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval Monday. The participants walked around the field four times or an equivalent of 1 mile. See story on Page 2

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CNMI joins worldwide vigil for World Diabetes Day

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Candles were lit for a sunset vigil that marked the CNMI's participation in the World Diabetes Day celebration, a global effort to promote diabetes care and prevention.

Held every Nov. 14 around the world, the annual event was celebrated on Saipan at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval and was spearheaded by the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program under the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who served as the event's

keynote speaker, told the participants that there's no excuse for island residents not to eat healthy and assured the public of his and his colleagues' commitment to help the healthcare corporation in its awareness, prevention, and control efforts.

"We hold the key to a healthier lifestyle... Let's continue promoting awareness and become a healthier Commonwealth," said Cabrera.

While medical providers play a large part in dealing with diabetes, Dr. Dan Lamar, acting director for Medical Affairs, noted that "each and every individual" holds the "most important role"

in preventing this disease.

"The medical community, we're here to serve you. But really, you're the one who's the most important member of the team, making the right choices in your life such as how you eat and how active you are. Those are really critical decisions you have to make to help prevent getting these problems," he said.

Lamar also shared with some 30 members in the crowd an article he read in a medical journal, which stated that a person's diet "actually overrides a lot of our genetic predispositions."

"Even though they had this genetic gene, there are ways to

turn genes on and off. Through diet, you can turn off those genes that are problem genes and help prevent those things from occurring. That's great news. It helps you realize that you have a lot more control. That's the message I want to get to you," explained Lamar.

Two individuals also delivered testimonials on how diabetes changed their lives.

John Manglona, 55, said he was diagnosed with diabetes in 1996, years before he retired from the government service in 2003. He said his illness had "ripple effects" on their household, prompting himself and his

family members to make adjustments and sacrifices.

"It was painful, there was a lot of sacrifices," said Manglona. "But life must go on."

Since then, Manglona said he changed his diet. From being a meat lover, Manglona now eats raw vegetables and lots of fruits and drinks warm water only. Meditation became an important part of his life, too.

Manglona encouraged the community to have a "renewed mindset and positive attitude" to embrace a longer and healthier life. "Let us all work together for a diabetes-free lifestyle."

Malua Peter, for her part, said that after her retirement, she started getting involved with health-related gatherings in the CNMI, even becoming a mem-

ber of the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition.

Peter, a staunch advocate of healthy living in the CNMI, disclosed that she started her efforts in her own home, taking out beer and roasted pig, especially during family celebrations. "I was successful in my family," said Peter.

Monday's event concluded with the sunset vigil, where participants held lit candles wrapped in blue bags as they walked around the facility's track and field four times, equivalent to a mile.

Young participants also played with their blue hula hoops, which represent the International Diabetes Federation's Blue Circle, the universal symbol for diabetes.

DNA expert to testify in case of impregnated Rota minor

The U.S. government will present the testimony of a Texas-based doctor in connection with the criminal case filed against Melvin David Diaz, a Guam resident who is facing charges of impregnating a minor girl on Rota.

Assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Lemons Jr. filed on Monday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI a notice of intent to use the testimony of Dr. Wayne L. Hoffman.

Hoffman is manager and associate laboratory director at Orchid Cellmark, Inc. Dallas Laboratory, Farmers Branch, Texas.

Lemons said that Orchid Cellmark Inc. is accredited to do DNA

testing in paternity and other types of relationship testing.

Lemons said that Hoffman will testify about his findings from the DNA testing done on the victim, her infant, and Diaz and "the probability of defendant being the father of the minor victim's infant."

The 49-year-old Diaz is charged with three counts of enticement of a minor and one count of travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

Diaz allegedly traveled from Guam to the CNMI between Aug. 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2010, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sex with the minor. (Ferdie de la Torre)

MPLT OK's \$1.8M loan for CHC electronic health record project

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The Marianas Public Land Trust has approved in principle the \$1.8-million loan proposal of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which plans to use the money on a project that will modernize the record system of the Commonwealth Health Center and the Tinian and Rota health clinics.

MPLT board chair Alvaro Santos said yesterday that the only thing holding up the release of the loan is the question of whether Gov. Benigno R. Fitial or health corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta will sign as the signatory to the loan agreement.

The loan will have a 5-percent interest per annum, with a payment term of 18 months.

Santos said that MPLT was approached by both the Fitial administration and the corporation to provide the loan, which will be paid using reimbursements from the federal government.

Saipan Tribune learned that about \$19 billion in American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds has been set aside to build health information technology systems nationwide and the CNMI is qualified to get over \$5 million

from this funding source.

This \$5 million is broken down into a four-year period: \$2 million in the first year; \$1.5 million in the second year; \$1 million in the third year; and \$500,000 in the fourth year.

"We said yes to this proposal because it is for a very good purpose which is to increase the information technology in the medical field and will benefit Rota and Tinian, private clinics, and the CHC as a whole," Santos said.

The healthcare corporation is now mapping out the workflow in the hospital's units and sections in order to come up with a comprehensive evaluation about its existing health information system.

However, to start the electronic health record project, the CNMI government has to first invest in the system by procuring new computers, software, and manpower training. Santos said the \$1.8-million loan will be used to complete this initial stage of the project. Once completed, MPLT will be reimbursed for the amount.

CHC's current health information system is called Resources and Patient Management System, or RPMS.

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Federal court: Sapuro's removal of Fund lawsuit improper

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The U.S. District Court for the CNMI has found improper Commonwealth Retirement Association board member Sapuro Rayphand's removal of the NMI Retirement Fund's lawsuit against the Fitial administration from the Superior Court.

In a ruling issued yesterday, designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood remanded the Fund's lawsuit to the Superior Court and ordered Rayphand to pay attorney's fees and costs to the Fund.

In her eight-page order, Ty-

dingco-Gatewood noted that much of Rayphand's argument for intervention is nonsensical and unrelated to the issues.

Rayphand's counsel in the case is attorney Bruce Jorgensen.

Fund legal counsel Braddock J. Huesman said yesterday that the Fund is pleased that it may now continue its efforts to collect and looks forward to hearings that were delayed by Rayphand's actions.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that Jorgensen raises issues regarding CNMI immigration problems dating as far back as 1999, and discusses issues

related to his practice of law in the CNMI.

"The court understands that Mr. Rayphand may be frustrated with the pace of the local Superior Court case, but frustration alone is not a basis for removal to a federal court," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

The judge said a cursory consideration of Ninth Circuit law would have shown that this attempt of removal was improper.

"Accordingly, the court finds that an award of attorney's fees is appropriate," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

The amount, she said, will be determined upon receipt

of evidence establishing the amount of reasonable attorney's fees and costs that were incurred as a result of the removal of the lawsuit.

In light of this order, Tydingco-Gatewood determined as moot Rayphand's cross motion to strike.

On Sept. 8, 2011, Rayphand, through Jorgensen, notified the District Court that he wants the Fund's lawsuit against the CNMI government to be removed from the Superior Court and transferred to the federal court.

Rayphand stated that it has been more than two years now

since associate judge Kenneth Govendo rendered a \$230 million judgment against the CNMI government in favor of the Fund, yet there has been little, if any, meaningful steps toward enforcement of that judgment.

The Fund filed a motion to remand and attorneys' fees. Defendants Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos joined in the motion.

In granting the Fund's motion, Tydingco-Gatewood pointed out that while Rayphand's pleadings indicate that the removal was initiated on behalf of the Commonwealth Retirement Association, it appears, in fact, that Rayphand filed the notice of removal on his own without

actual board approval.

Tydingco-Gatewood said because it is clear to this court that Rayphand is not a defendant and his notice of removal did not comport with the rule requiring unanimity of defendants, consideration of the other bases for remand is unnecessary.

After reviewing the records, it is clear to the court that Rayphand is neither a defendant nor an intervenor, Tydingco-Gatewood said.

Moreover, the judge said, the cases cited by Rayphand are not applicable in this instance.

"Accordingly, it was improper for Mr. Rayphand to remove the matter from the Superior Court of the CNMI to this court," she said.

DOJ counsel says Woodruff failed to meet deadline

The lawyer for a group of individuals that is suing to stop federal officials from enforcing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule on Nov. 28, 2011, failed to meet the deadline that he himself chose to submit a legal brief or supporting materials, according to the Department of Justice.

This puts the defendants in the case "at a significant disadvantage," according to the notice filed yesterday by Theodore W. Atkinson, senior litigation counsel of the Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation-District Court Section, with the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

In the notice, Atkinson said the defendants cannot oppose a motion based on briefing it has not yet received, and cannot respond to evidence and exhibits that the plaintiffs have not yet offered.

Atkinson said the plaintiffs failed to file a brief or exhibits in support of their motion for a preliminary injunction by the Nov. 14, 2011, deadline agreed to by the parties and ordered by the court.

He said that, on Nov. 10, 2011, Stephen Woodruff e-mailed him that he "would start uploading

Suspected 'ice' supplier falls

Police arrested over the weekend a suspected supplier of crystal methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Lian Jun Li, 48, was brought to the Superior Court on Monday afternoon for a hearing on charges of trafficking and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

In a written order issued yesterday, associate judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to find Li's arrest justified. He imposed a \$25,000 cash bail for Li's temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 28 at 9am.

The Office of Public Defender was appointed to represent Li. Assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing appeared for the government at the hearing.

No other details of the case were available as of yesterday. (Ferdie de la Torre)

exhibits in the morning."

"To date, defendants have received none of the briefing or exhibits promised by Mr. Woodruff. Nor has Mr. Woodruff made any effort to contact counsel for defendants to seek further extension of time, or to explain why he did not meet the agreed-to Nov. 14, 2011, deadline for filing a supporting brief," Atkinson said.

He said it was Woodruff who had proposed the Nov. 14 deadline.

The hearing on the motion for a preliminary injunction is scheduled on Nov. 29, 2011.

The plaintiffs in the case are Bonifacio V. Sagana, Manuel T. Vilaga, Gerardo G. De Guzman, Hector T. Sevilla, Carlito J. Marquez, Eduardo M. Elenzano, and Jong Ho Lee.

Respondents are Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District Director David Gulick,

U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, and U.S. Department of Labor District Director Terrence Trotter. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Antonia V. Carr, who is celebrating her special day today, Nov. 16! Enjoy your special day, may God bless you, *mabu*-hi from PI and may you have many more to come! Greetings come from Randall, Kay Kay, Marissa, Leslie, Reggie, Mona, friends, and family.

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Birthday shoutout goes out to Pwoch Lisua, who is celebrating his birthday today, Nov. 16! God bless and may you have many more birthdays to come.

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15 schools will vie for best decorated Christmas tree

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Fifteen public and private elementary schools will be competing for the grand prize in the 6th Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.

Sonia Siwa of non-profit group PDM Promoters, Inc., which organizes the annual event, said five more schools signed up before the contest registration closed yesterday.

They are Brilliant Star Montessori, Tanapag Elementary School, Grace Christian Academy, Oleai Elementary School, and Agape Christian School.

"We're very pleased that we have 15 participating schools this year, which is the same number as last year," Siwa told *Saipan Tribune*.

The annual competition, held regularly at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, aims to promote recycling among elemen-

tary students.

Siwa said each school will decorate a 9-foot tall Christmas tree using recycled materials such as empty soda cans, water bottles, and used paper.

Decoration date is on Nov. 30. Decorated Christmas trees will be judged based on the use of old or used materials, relevance to the holiday theme, attractiveness, creativity and design, and durability.

Siwa said all entries will be

evaluated by a panel of judges at the program that will coincide with the Thursday Street Market at the Paseo de Marianas on Dec. 1.

During the event, Siwa said they will also light up the giant Christmas Tree in the middle of Paseo.

Participating schools will have a chance to win up to \$5,000 worth of educational tax credits. For more information, call 234-6900.

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The new airline, owned by Tan Holdings, is scheduled to launch its inaugural flight from Japan on July 1, 2012. The airline will use two Boeing 737 aircraft and will initially focus on the key Japanese airports of Narita, Nagoya, and Osaka.

With this strategy, Saipan Air

executives forecast an increase in Japanese tourist arrivals by around 200,000 or 47 percent annually. They are optimistic that this huge increase in arrivals will bring with it the revival of related tourism businesses and boost the CNMI's economy to pre-2005 levels.

Tourist arrivals have suffered significant drops since 2005 due to global economic downturns, oil price increases, and other external

forces. Arrivals from Japan, the islands' largest and most valuable market, have also declined by 62 percent since the same year.

With tourism being the only industry in the CNMI, the decline has had a widespread and exponential effect on the economies of the three main islands: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

With an ever-shrinking economy, thousands of jobs have been lost and cost-of-living, as well as

fuel prices, have skyrocketed in this import-driven market. The situation is so bad that budget revenues for the government are dwindling, and reduced work hours and payless paydays have continued for the past 12 months.

With the launch of Saipan Air, there is hope to avert total economic collapse.

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan said: "We are starting to establish the foundation for this

local airline as each day goes by. All sectors of the CNMI have suffered. It's not that the tourists don't want to come to the CNMI; it's that there are not enough seats and no stable air service to satisfy their demand. Saipan, Rota, and Tinian are always recognized as a beautiful destination for our tourists over the past 35 years."

"We decided to make this investment to help revive our

tourism industry and contribute to the growth of our economy. Stable air service will mean more opportunities for all businesses such as restaurants, mom-and-pop stores and other establishments, more revenues for government, a restoration of 80 work hours, and more jobs for our people. A healthy tourism industry will ensure full economic recovery for the CNMI," he added. (PR)

HOUSE

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the Senate for action.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), when asked for comment, said the Senate will not entertain the casino bill today on Tinian. There's no telling yet whether the Senate will again kill a House casino bill or approve it this time.

The Senate killed Rep. Froilan Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) casino bill last year during a session held on Tinian.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), during debate on the casino bill yesterday, asked Demapan point blank whether there's already a "compromise" with the Senate on the casino legislation.

"If there's a compromise with the Senate... then reveal it now," Tebuteb asked.

Demapan said there's none.

Manglona echoed this in a later interview, saying there's no

compromise or any agreement about any casino bill.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) offered a floor amendment that would require a \$100 million casino license, instead of only \$10 million, citing a statement he heard from one of the individuals who testified on the casino bill yesterday that there's an investor willing to pay that amount.

Dela Cruz told his colleagues that if his amendment passes, he will be the first one to sign off on the bill.

But Dela Cruz's amendment was defeated by a vote of 11-6.

Only Demapan's floor amendment, mostly technical in nature, was adopted unanimously.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), during the session, said the casino bill is "shortsighted" and while the previous bill gave Rota and Tinian 25 percent each in casino revenue, the new bill gives the two islands only a 20-percent share each. She said the

proposal should be in the form of an initiative rather than a bill.

Demapan, in response, said any member who has concerns on bills should communicate those concerns to the author of the bill for a "more meaningful, more productive" legislation.

He said he would like to give the bill "another try."

"If the Senate reconsiders their position and pass [it], it will go to the governor. The governor, he has no reason to veto the bill because his concerns are addressed in this bill," he said.

Demapan added that the Nov. 4 non-binding survey on the casino was "virtually even" between those opposed and supporting casinos on Saipan, with only a nine-vote difference in favor of those opposed.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed a local casino bill last month, citing its unconstitutionality and recommended that a new House bill be introduced instead.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-

Saipan) said even medical referral patients are denied tickets by travel agents who are owed money by the cash-strapped government, government employees still getting 16-hour cuts biweekly, and employees have not received their deserved within-grade salary increases for years.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), for his part, said states with casinos have seen a thriving casino industry, something that the CNMI needs to help its economy.

"Benefits far outweigh the costs. We need to support a revenue-generating [industry] or our people will further suffer," he said.

When it came to voting, the "yes" votes outnumbered the "no" votes, just like last year when the House passed Tenorio's bill.

How they voted

The 10 who voted "yes" on the new bill yesterday were Basa, Demapan, Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Pala-

cios (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Tenorio, Torres, Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Cabrera.

The "no" votes came from Dela Cruz, Santos, Tebuteb, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) voted "present," while Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) abstained.

Three House members were absent: Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Tinian), and Rep. Janet Maratita.

Ogumoro and Deleon Guerrero are in Kosrae for the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures' board of directors meeting, while Maratita is off-island to accompany her son for medical reasons.

At the beginning of the session, House members listened to comments from members of

the public supporting and opposing the casino bill.

The 29-page casino bill says five casino licenses are available but a casino commission has the authority to issue or provide for an additional number of licenses, subject to the approval of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. The cap does not apply to one casino that is owned collectively and operated by a chartered Northern Marianas Descent corporation.

Under the bill, a non-refundable casino license application fee is \$250,000, while a casino license costs \$10 million and is valid for 30 years.

A license can be granted in connection with an existing hotel or resort that has at least 250 rooms, a golf course with at least 100 rooms or a convention center. It can also be granted to an entity that will have a new investment of not less than \$100 million, inclusive of the hotel, resort or convention center.

GAO

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Affected jurisdictions have been saying that the amount they get from the U.S. government as reimbursement for the costs associated with hosting FAS citizens is far lower than the actual costs they have incurred.

But GAO's report found weaknesses in the methods used to collect and report the migration impacts.

Although the U.S. Department of the Interior is required to report to Congress any compact impacts that the affected jurisdictions report to the Interior, GAO said that DOI "has not provided the affected jurisdictions with adequate guidance on estimating compact impact."

"Compact migrants participate in local economies through employment, taxation and consumption, but data on these effects are limited," GAO said.

\$1 billion vs \$120 million

The CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii reported more than \$1 billion in costs associated with providing education, health, and social services to compact migrants for fiscal years 2004 through 2010.

But for the same period, the U.S. Department of the Interior awarded some \$210 million in grants to these affected jurisdictions.

Of the \$210 million that Interior awarded, some \$33 million went to the CNMI, \$102 million to Guam, and \$75 million to Hawaii.

The CNMI hosted a fewer number of FAS migrants—from an estimated 3,570 in 2003 to only 2,100 in 2008.

The Interior grants were used by these jurisdictions mainly for budget support, projects, and purchases in the areas of education, health, and public safety.

Under the Compacts of Free Association between the U.S. and FAS—Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States

of Micronesia—citizens of these countries are allowed to travel to the U.S. to live and work without a visa or work authorization.

There are roughly 56,000 compact migrants living in U.S. areas, based on combined data from the 2005-2009 American Community Survey and the required enumeration in 2008.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in his letter to GAO's Gootnick on Oct. 12, said the CNMI seeks to address compact impact issues with Interior/Office of Insular Affairs based on the recommendations provided by the GAO report.

"For the past few years, CNMI has voiced concerns over the disproportion in compact impact grant reimbursements. What the CNMI claims are not commensurate to what the U.S. Congress allocates, and the amount DOI/OIA reimburses," Fitial said.

He said the CNMI generally agrees with the GAO report's recommendations and further recommend that Interior/OIA consult with the CNMI on de-

veloping future guidelines.

Outspoken

In 2003, Congress gave funds to help offset FAS migration costs, but the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii argue that the amount was not enough. Since then, other states, such as Arkansas, have seen significant FAS migration and felt the fiscal impact.

Early this year, GAO conducted fieldwork in the CNMI to evaluate the impact aid provided by Congress to offset the costs of FAS migration.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan joined his colleagues from Guam, Hawaii, Arkansas, and American Samoa in asking GAO to conduct the study.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment on the GAO report yesterday, said the CNMI has been outspoken in its concerns over several issues, including reimbursements for costs associated with compact migrants.

"While the CNMI welcomes

FAS citizens, the compact agreement between FAS countries and the federal government provides free access to FAS citizens into the U.S. and its territories as well as basic services without adequate funding support to continue providing such services in the CNMI," he said.

Demapan conceded that OIA did provide the CNMI with a reporting format to seek reimbursement for costs associated with services provided to FAS citizens. "However, the DOI-OIA, without much explanation, does not fully reimburse all costs associated with services provided to FAS citizens. The CNMI ends up incurring the remaining costs," he added.

Demapan said the governor further recommends that DOI-OIA provide a clear reporting format as recommended by previous GAO reports.

"Furthermore, the governor believes that the assistance of the CNMI's delegate to the U.S. Congress is needed to redress

these issues and provide additional funding to cover costs associated with providing public services to FAS migrants from past to present," he said.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, in a separate statement yesterday, said the GAO report "further highlights the challenges that local governments in Guam, Hawaii, and the CNMI have encountered in having to use local funds to cover the full cost of providing social services to compact migrants."

"The current structure of the compacts is unsustainable for the affected jurisdictions, and I will urge the House Committee on Natural Resources to hold an oversight hearing to further examine the recommendations contained in this report. I hope that this will provide Congress with further guidance to make policy decisions and find ways to reduce the burden on local governments and increase Federal assistance to the affected jurisdictions," Bordallo said.

Fund emergency rules on refunds take effect

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Refund applications from members who are not completely separated from the NMI Retirement Fund will no longer be approved by the board effective this month, after the emergency adoption of changes to Fund regulations relating to refunds and re-employments.

In a memorandum to all department and activity heads, Fund administrator Richard

Villagomez said that the old policy on refunds was based on a "flawed interpretation and understanding" of the right to continued employment and the interaction between this flawed interpretation and certain property rights that attach to pension benefits.

Under the emergency regulation, he explained that a person who quits and submits an application for refund is still considered a member until all their contribution has been refunded.

He also explained that upon termination of employment of an active member, the law allows Class I members to refund if years of service is below 15 years while for Class II members, if the years of service is less than 20 years.

"If a member is re-employed prior to complete separation, their refund application will be denied in accordance with the law and they will remain the same class of member of the Fund," Villagomez explained.

Additionally, the new regulation states that there is an absolute six-month prohibition on re-employment following complete separation. Regardless of class membership, a member shall be restricted from government re-employment for a period of six months after receiving a refund of his or her contributions.

According to Villagomez, it is improper for any government branch, department, or agency to re-employ any

former defined benefit plan member for six months after complete separation because there is no property interest in future employment with the government. The emergency regulation will apply to all Fund members.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the board gave the administrator and his team the authority to revisit all Fund rules and regulations to check if there is a need to update or clarify some sections.

Igisomar said that more policies are being reviewed for board action.

In a meeting early this month, the board uncovered potential

illegal termination and hiring practices in some government agencies in a bid to lower their employer contributions. This has been referred to the Office of the Attorney General for further investigation.

Igisomar said, however, that the new emergency regulation on refunds and re-employment is not directly related to these discoveries.

"No. I would not credit that action as a result of that matter. It's not directly related. It is the intention of the board and management to make all our regulations and policies user-friendly and this is something they have been working on," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

2 men arrested in separate domestic violence incidents

Two men were arrested Monday in separate domestic violence cases on Saipan.

Mashud Rana was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

Jameson Hemley was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$1,700 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 23 at 9am for both suspects.

At yesterday's bail hearing, assistant attorney general Tiberius Mocanu called to the witness stand police detective Raymond Borja, who narrated to the court the circumstances leading to the two suspects' arrest.

Borja stated that police officers who responded to a report about a domestic violence in Garapan found Rana's wife crying, her face swollen.

Borja said the victim told police that Rana repeatedly slapped her and hit her with a meat cleaver. The wife did not suffer any cut from the meat cleaver assault.

In Hemley's case, Borja testified that the wife told police that Hemley punched her face, should-

Rotarians chip in for seniors lunch

Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan are gearing up for the group's *Man'amko* Thanksgiving luncheon next week.

The club's annual outreach activity is slated for Nov. 22 at the Aging Center. Setup time starts at 10:30am and lunch will be served at 11:30am.

"I sent messages out to members requesting financial contribution to help support purchase of food products that we're going to need to have catered for the *man'amko* lunch scheduled for next Tuesday," Community Service director Richard Cody told his fellow Rotarians during their meeting yesterday.

Cody said they still need four hams and four turkeys for the luncheon.

He urged Rotarians who volunteered to bring dishes "to be there before the serving starts."

Rotarian Vicky Concepcion has been tasked to track all voluntary cash and in-kind contributions.

While their committee has allotted a budget of \$1,500 for the annual luncheon, Cody said they still asked for donations to cover some expenses. (Clarissa V. David)

der, and back at their residence.

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who presided over yesterday's hearing, learned that Hemley has outstand-

ing bench warrants for not appearing in two previous criminal and civil cases. Govendo quashed both warrants, but raised the bail to \$1,700 cash instead of \$1,000

that the prosecution had recommended. (Ferdie de la Torre)




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MPLT portfolio valued at \$71M

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Marianas Public Land Trust, the autonomous agency created to hold and invest money from public land leases, is still recovering from the impact of the global financial crisis in 2008, according to MPLT board chair Alvaro Santos.

Speaking at the Rotary Club of Saipan general membership meeting yesterday, Santos said MPLT has a portfolio of \$71 million as of Sept. 30, 2011, but noted that it incurred a "dramatic loss" of \$7 million three years ago due to the crisis.

Santos said they shifted much of their portfolio into fixed income given the market situation at that time, allocating 65

percent to fixed income and 35 percent in equities.

"That sort of protected us from larger losses in the financial market," explained Santos. "But after that, we bounced back. So for this year, our total portfolio is recovering. We have \$71 million and still recovering."

MPLT has one investment consultant, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and seven money managers that manage its portfolio.

Santos described their investment strategy as "conservative in general." "We try to stay on the safe side and ensure that we meet our obligation with the central government," he said.

MPLT is mandated by law to remit to the CNMI government's general fund the interest income



Marianas Public Land Trust Board of Trustees chair Alvaro Santos, right, talks about the agency's current portfolio as Rotary president Pete Igitol looks on during the Saipan Rotary Club general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

it receives from investing the public land lease money.

"Any and all interest income dividends earned, less administrative expense for the agency, go to the general fund. That had been going on since 1983," said Santos.

He said they have remitted a total of \$55 million in interest earned income since the inception of MPLT.

"That's quite a bit of money," said Santos, who added that for this year, they had a return of 5.9 percent and gave the central government a \$2-million check.

Santos noted, however, that MPLT does not have the authority to earmark that money. "Our responsibility stops when we cut a check to the central government and it's up to the Legislature with their appropriation authority to allocate those funds to the competing needs of Commonwealth residents," he added.

MPLT vs other land trust agencies

Unlike MPLT, Santos said he was "surprised" to find out that the land trust office of Guam does not invest the public land

lease money it receives.

"They just let the public lease portions of public land that almost no revenue-generating activity takes place... That's it. There's no investment activity," he said.

Santos said any public land lease money in Guam also "goes directly" to its central government.

"But other jurisdictions [in the Pacific], they have similar functions like us," said Santos.

'Challenging'

One of the "most challenging" difficulties that MPLT encountered over the years, Santos said, was "trying to get the public land lease money" from the Department of Public Lands.

"It took two lawsuits before the Superior Court to force public lands lease monies to come to the Land Trust from the Marianas Public Land Corp. and its subsequent successor, [Marianas Public Lands Authority]," he said.

When he came on board in 2006, Santos found out that over \$400,000 in legal fees were incurred in those lawsuits. "I thought that would not have been necessary if there was a more cooperative relationship with [DPL] and [MPLT]," he said.

Santos said he worked with former Public Lands secretary John Del Rosario Jr. "to avoid the mistakes of the past," allowing MPLT to receive from DPL \$5 million in 2007 and 2008.

The board chair added that

they are expecting to receive money from DPL "anytime now" or as soon as they close their books and have audited financial statements available.

Diversified local investment

Prompted by the urgency for more revenue for the government, Santos said they have developed a new investment program focusing on the local market.

The diversified local investment, Santos said, allows them to either give loans or invest at the local level "so we can help the economy in one way or another."

At present, MPLT is looking at three proposals. The first is the \$13 million ARRA money application for the Small Business Credit Initiative of the Commonwealth Development Authority that would involve MPLT through a "\$10 million standby line of credit." The second is the \$2 million electronic health record system for the Commonwealth Health Center that aims to "cut down paperwork and a lot of bureaucracies." The third is the financing for the Arctic Circle company for the creation of cargo transportation service between the CNMI and Guam.

While they would like to help local investments, Santos said they are also "interested in those endeavors that will bring in and infuse new money into the economy."

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CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP12-DOF/REV-008**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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**COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-07-RFP
LOAN UNDERWRITER**

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds for the amount of \$13,168,350 for Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to \$5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Mr. Robert Torres, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission's regulatory consultant, at 670-234-5750.

AGENDA

- Administrative matters:
 - Call to order – confirmation of quorum.
 - Approval of minutes of October 27, 2011 meeting.
 - Administrative Assessment
 - Commission website
- Public comments.
- Docket 09-1 [CUC Electric Division]
 - LEAC rate [November 18, 2011 – January 30, 2012]
 - Accounts Receivable
 - \$1.7 Million Receivable Issue
 - CUC Power Pole Procurement
 - Telesource contract amendment
- Telecommunications:
 - Docket 12-02: Inquiry re ITE Rural Exemption - Hearing examiner's status report.
- Other business.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Monday, November 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - USDA RD SUTA Update
- MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM**
 - Updates on NMHC-Owned Properties through Auction
 - Loan Status Reports by Programs / Delinquency & Litigation Report
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
 - COBG Update
- PROGRAM & HOUSING**
 - Utility Allowance Update
 - Saipan Section 8 & Voucher Program Status Report
- FISCAL AFFAIRS**
 - FY 2012 Financial Statement as of 10/31/2011
- FIELD REPORT**
 - Timian Field Office Reports – Section 8 & Voucher Program Status Report
 - Rota Field Office Reports – Section 8 & Voucher Program Status Report
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OLD BUSINESS**
 - Lease-To-Own of NMHC Properties
 - Bank/Pacific Status Report
 - FY 2010 Audit Financial Status Report
 - Request For Proposal For Garapan Annex
 - Financial & Compliance Audit FY 2011 & FY 2012 Intend to Award Update
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter)	FCD GU
Of The Petition)	CIVIL ACTION
To Appoint General)	NO. 11-0532
Guardianship For:)	
)	NOTICE OF
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Minor Child)	
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By:)	
VICENTE B. CABRERA)	
and)	
MEDINA B. CABRERA)	
Petitioners)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Perry B. Inos.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2011.

BERNADITA SABLAN
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

'Junk proposed changes in Tinian IPP contract'

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Georgetown Consulting Group Inc., the independent consultant of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, has recommended rejecting the proposed changes in the contract of Telesource CNMI Inc. because it will result in \$32 million added cost for utilities consumers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

CUC's current contract with the independent power producer on Tinian will end in March 2020, over eight years from today. A proposed change order would double this length of time and extend the term to 15 years.

Although there is a provision in the proposed change order that is favorable to CUC, Georgetown believes this provision is not realistic.

"Instead of being favorable to CUC, under change order 5, the

agreement allows for the automatic extension, at Telesource's option, of the agreement for additional five-year terms up to 15 years if CUC is unable to demonstrate that fossil fuel generation is no longer needed," said Georgetown in its report to the commission Monday.

It said that CUC currently pays Telesource slightly less than \$2 million per year. Under the proposed change order, CUC will pay a higher amount of over \$3.5 million yearly—an increase of approximately \$1.5 million. In a 15-year period, consumer rates are expected to increase by more than \$32 million.

For consumers using 1,000 kWh a month, this will be a \$6.92 increase in their monthly billing in the first year and a \$14.05 increase per month by the 15th year.

Georgetown explained that whether a consumer is located on Tinian, Saipan, or Rota, every

CUC customer will ultimately see an increase in their electric rates if the change order is approved. "Since CUC's electric base rates are developed on a 'postage stamp' basis, the additional cost of the change order 5 will be the same per kilowatt-hour on each island."

The proposed Telesource contract change has been on the commission's table since April but action was deferred pending the submission of evidence or additional requirements such as whether Telesource has transferred title for the Tinian plant to CUC or discharged the security interest (lien) held by the Bank of Kuwait. On Monday, Georgetown said that CUC failed to show any evidence of these requirements.

CUC, it added, also failed to justify that the change order is necessary, prudent, or cost-beneficial to customers.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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The purpose of the CSBG funding is to make grants to States and Territories for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities and the empowerment of low-income families to become fully self-sufficient. The special intent of this funding will be to fund projects that will provide services to the community who are considered economically disadvantaged.

All proposals must be submitted to the DCCA Office of the Secretary no later than Monday, December 12, 2011, 4:30 p.m. A copy of the grant general requirements/conditions, subgrantee responsibilities and other scope relating to the funding can be obtained at the DCCA main office in Capital Hill. For additional questions or inquiries, please contact Vivian T. Sablan, CSBG Program Coordinator, at 664-2550/1/9 or Mr. George Fitial at the DCCA Main Office at 664-2576.

/s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao
DCCA Secretary and CSBG Administrator
for Community Service Programs

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-12-002

Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DEQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-12-002, CUC Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 17, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net; Janina Muna, Administrative Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika.muna@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager via email cuclabman@yahoo.com

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

USCIS Web sessions on filing for CW petitions

»Web conferencing sessions to review Form I-129CW

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will host three public Web conference sessions this week to review Form I129-CW. The two-hour sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (Nov. 17, 18, and 19) at 8am CNMI time.

USCIS will hold these public information sessions via Web conferencing as part of its continuing outreach and efforts to keep the public informed. Western Region community relations officer Janna Evans and Honolulu community relations officer Darlene Kutara will host the Web conferences.

The public is encouraged to submit questions in advance to janna.evans@dhs.gov. Please write "Question for CNMI Webinar" in the subject line. Since USCIS expects a large number of participants, callers will not be able to ask questions verbally during the call but will be in listen-

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Nov. 16, 2000

Housing benefits for FAS citizens approved

President Clinton has signed into law a piece of legislation that would allow citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Republic of Marshall Islands to avail of federal housing benefits. Citizens of the three Freely Associated States living on Saipan had challenged the original limitation on their eligibility for federal housing benefits in a case brought before the federal courts. After losing in the CNMI District Court, the petitioners appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Jane Mack of Micronesian Legal Services said that the case is still pending and that the appeal was fully briefed and originally scheduled for oral argument on Nov. 14, 2000.

DDC promotes online ADA course

CNMI Developmental Disabilities Council Executive Director Thomas J. Camacho is encouraging locally-based architects to take advantage of a newly-developed Web-based education course, a comprehensive guide to designing public facilities compliant to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mr. Camacho said that with numerous government Capital Improvement Projects underway, the ADA Accessibility Guidelines course presented by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board is quite timely. "Architects should take advantage because till this day some renovated and new building construction and facilities (such as public parking and public rights-of-way) are still being designed and built in violation of the ADA," said the DDC chief.

Nov. 16, 2001

GES launches Corporate Challenge

The Garapan Elementary School yesterday launched the Corporate Challenge, which entices businesses and hotels in the Garapan area to help bring in needed resources to GES students. "In these difficult financial times, our school children are in dire need of resources that are integral to the learning environment. As budgets focus on priorities such as school curricula materials and supplies, other items such as crayons, pencils, glue, even toilet paper, become harder and harder to procure," said the GES school administration in a statement.

NMC-SBDC hosts loan workshops

Prompted by the widespread economic impact of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington DC, the US Small Business Administration has widened access to Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses across the country, including the US insular areas of Guam and the Northern Marianas. On Wednesday, November 21, the NMC Small Business Development Center will team up with the SBA Guam Branch Office to offer a free workshop about the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. In addition to this workshop, three additional programs will be delivered.


Nov. 16, 2002

Babauta touts recycling program NMI-wide


Gov. Juan N. Babauta is calling on all households, schools, and private businesses to begin or continue their own recycling programs to ensure a cleaner and safer environment. The governor also encouraged the public to patronize products made from recycled materials as a way of promoting the recycling program. Babauta made the call yesterday as he signed a proclamation declaring November 15, 2002 as America Recycles Day. "To focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting Nov. 15," Babauta said in the proclamation.

Waiver sought on FEMA grant

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona has asked President Bush to waive the 25 percent matching requirement for the \$1.2 million federal assistance that was allocated for Rota in the wake of Typhoon Chata'an. Manglona made the request through Federal Emergency Management Agency acting Region IX Director Caren Aarnes, saying he is having a hard time finding the \$300,000 matching funds that is required under the Stafford Act. "As a result, we cannot get the \$1.2 million. Our people suffer. The Rota municipal government cannot even reimburse itself for the heavy expense of emergency road clearing made necessary by the typhoon," said Manglona.



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
INVITATION FOR BID
NMHC IFB 2011-012
This ad is paid with HUD Funds by NMHC
Ground Maintenance Services for NMHC's Properties in Tinian



Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan and at its Field Office in San Jose Village, Tinian, beginning Monday, November 21, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Field Office located in the Juan King Building in San Jose Village on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the housing subdivision and other properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC-ITB 2011-012**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time December 19, 2011**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, December 19, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 19, 2011**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **December 28, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m., local time, December 29, 2011**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time on December 19, 2011**.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.

The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

For information, call the NMHC Office in Tinian at 433-9213 or the Central Office in Garapan Saipan, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS**

In the Matter : CIVIL ACTION
of the Estate of : NO.11-0297
TITO CIRILO :
MANAHANE :
MUNA, :

Deceased :

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BankPacific has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Tito Cirilo Manahane Muna, deceased; and that the said petition will be heard by the Court on December 06, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m..

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Tito Cirilo Manahane Muna, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall not be forever barred.

Dated: November 02, 2011

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS**

In the Matter : CIVIL ACTION
of the Adoption : NO.11-0538-FCD
of EDWARD :
JOSEPH :
GALANG :
VERGARA, :

a Minor Child :

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in this matter, and that the Petition will be heard by the Court on December 05, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Dated: November 10, 2011

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN P. LIZAMA and NAMIE ILEMELONG, Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS

Civil Action No. 11-0106-CV

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS
ROMAN P. LIZAMA and NAMIE ILEMELONG:**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Foreclosure.

SO ORDERED on this 18th day of October, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWIN B. TUDELA and PATRICIA A. TUDELA, Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS

Civil Action No. 11-0209-CV

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS
EDWIN B. TUDELA and PATRICIA A. TUDELA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE within twenty (20) days after completion of service by publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

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If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 1st day of October, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Woman allegedly steals money intended for registration fee

Police arrested Thursday a 50-year-old woman who allegedly stole \$1,700 that was supposedly intended as payment for a permanent registration application.

Elizabeth A. Berganio was arrested for theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received.

At Monday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$500 cash bail for Berganio's temporary release.

Detective Alexander Sakisat stated in his report that their investigation began on Nov. 3 when Zacarias Sakisat went to the Department of Public Safety to file a complaint against the

defendant.

Detective Sakisat said that, according to the complaint, Zacarias Sakisat's wife, Ying-shun, paid \$300 to Berganio in May last year for the processing fee for her permanent registration application.

In June 2010, the Sakisat couple brought Berganio to the Chalan Kanoa Post Office to purchase money order worth \$1,700 as payment for Mrs. Sakisat's permanent registration application. Berganio then offered to bring the money order forms home and fill them up. Later that afternoon, Berganio presented Mrs. Sakisat with the filled-out money order form. When Mrs. Sakisat signed the

documents, Berganio asked for another \$20 to pay for sending the money order.

Berganio asked Mrs. Sakisat to wait for two to three weeks to receive through mail the documents regarding her permanent registration application.

The documents never came.

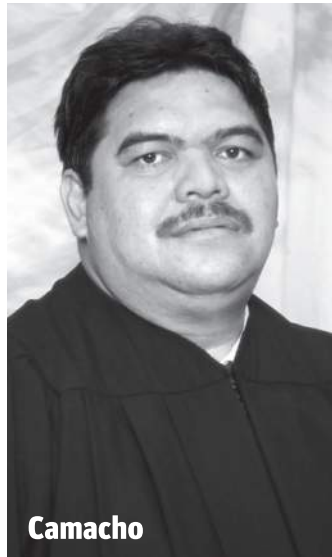
Mrs. Sakisat learned from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in November 2010 that its Hawaii Office never received any application for permanent registration that she applied for.

Police learned that copies of the receipts of the money order obtained from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security indicated that none of the transactions was for the processing of Mrs. Sakisat's application. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Camacho's investiture ceremony on Friday

The CNMI Judiciary and Judicial Council announced Monday that the investiture ceremony for the Commonwealth Superior Court's newest associate judge, Joseph N. Camacho, will be held this Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at 10am in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Guma' Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan.

Camacho attended Gonzaga University School of Law and received his J.D. in 2001. Following law school, he served as a prosecutor for the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. He was later elected to the 17th CNMI House of Representatives, where he served as House floor leader. Camacho is married to Viola Alepuyo, and they have one child, Ulen Joseph Alepuyo Camacho.



Camacho

The public is invited to attend the investiture ceremony and to take part in welcoming Camacho to the Commonwealth Judiciary. *(CNMI Judiciary)*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Yard Maintenance Service for property Sinapalo, Rota

RFP 12-01

SERVICES REQUIRED

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT), a public trust of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands requests proposals from interested persons/firms to provide yard maintenance services for MPLT property located in Sinapalo subdivision, Rota. Interested parties are kindly requested to call 3224401/4402 for information on the property location.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Provide onetime general clean-up (removal and disposal of over-grown vegetation) followed by a monthly yard maintenance service.

PACKAGES & SUBMITTAL DATE

Please submit letter of interest to include a onetime general clean-up rate and monthly rate to the attention of Barbara Reyes, Office Manager, Marianas Public Land Trust P.O. Box 501089, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

Interested parties are welcome to conduct a survey of the site.

This public notice is also available on our website at www.mplt.gov.mp. Interested parties are asked to contact Ms. Barbara Reyes Monday-Friday between 8:00am to 5:00pm or email mplt@mplt.gov.mp

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans Town Hall meeting tonight

The Saipan Veterans Town Hall meeting will be held today, Nov. 16, 2011, from 7pm to 8pm, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater. Come and meet Dr. James Hastings, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System director, and get to know your Saipan VA Outreach Clinic. Our focus will be your health benefits and how to access them. All former military service members (veterans), reservists, National Guardsmen and their families are invited to attend this town hall meeting. The event will be a question-and-answer forum, so come out and be heard. *(PR)*

MHS report cards out today

Marianas High School will be distributing 1st quarter report cards today, Nov. 16, 2011, from 4pm to 6pm at the counseling office. Students will be released at 1pm today to allow time to prepare for the event. There will also be a PTA meeting today at 4:30pm in the cafeteria. We encourage all parents and legal guardians to attend this meeting. For more information call the Main Office at 237-3206. *(MHS)*

Kagman High School notice


Report cards will be sent home with students this Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011. Progress reporting is where parents are given an update on how a student is doing and what they may need to do to improve. By the time report cards are done, grades cannot be changed. We will be sending home report cards on the following dates:

- 2nd quarter, Feb 3, 2012
- 3rd quarter, April 13, 2012
- 4th quarter, June 8, 2012

For more information, contact 237 3840 or kagmanhs@gmail.com. *(PR)*

Get fire coded!


Do you know that the Commonwealth Fire Safety Code Act requires individuals, business owners, non-government organizations, and government agencies to obtain fire code permits and meet fire safety code standards? The requirements for a fire code permit include paying the applicable fees and arranging and undergoing a Fire Code Safety inspection. For more information, call your respective Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Init offices on Saipan (664-9003/4), Tinian (433-0476), or Rota (532-3736) or visit www.dps.gov.mp. *(DPS)*



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Rick Perry's latest debate gaffe could be the fatal one

In retrospect, the Rick Perry campaign might have been wiser to follow its instinct to pull its candidate from all these nettlesome debates.

If what happened to Texas' longest-serving governor Wednesday night in Rochester, Mich., wasn't a campaign-killer, it was the next closest thing. And that mortal wounding came on top of previous odd behavior and verbal stumbles, when he could least afford it.

Perry began ticking off the three federal departments he would abolish as president: Commerce, Education and... oops. The painful 53-second pause left Perry twisting on his tongue for a word he's spoken hundreds of times during this campaign: Energy.

Perhaps he should have written it on his palm with a Sharpie.

His campaign immediately knew it had a problem, sending the candidate himself into the post-debate media spin room. Before their longest night was over, Perry strategists would blitz an email to supporters—"We've all had human moments"—that cited past verbal fumbles by two actual presidents, Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan.

Indeed, we've all had such moments of seizing up in front of an audience. We're all not running for president, and we're all not trying to resuscitate a campaign that opened at No. 1 with a bullet but has mostly shot itself in the foot since.

Do polls matter? They do in this GOP primary, in which three-fourths of Republicans still search for a conservative alternative to nominal front-runner Mitt Romney. How else to explain the resurgence of Newt Gingrich and the staying power of Herman Cain, dogged by multiple accusations of sexual harassment?

Perry, buoyed by a splashy entry and a \$15 million fundraising haul in his first quarter, was seen as the likely not-Romney. On the surface, his stewardship of the Texas economy, his telegenic swagger and, important, his ability to raise money pushed him to the pole position.

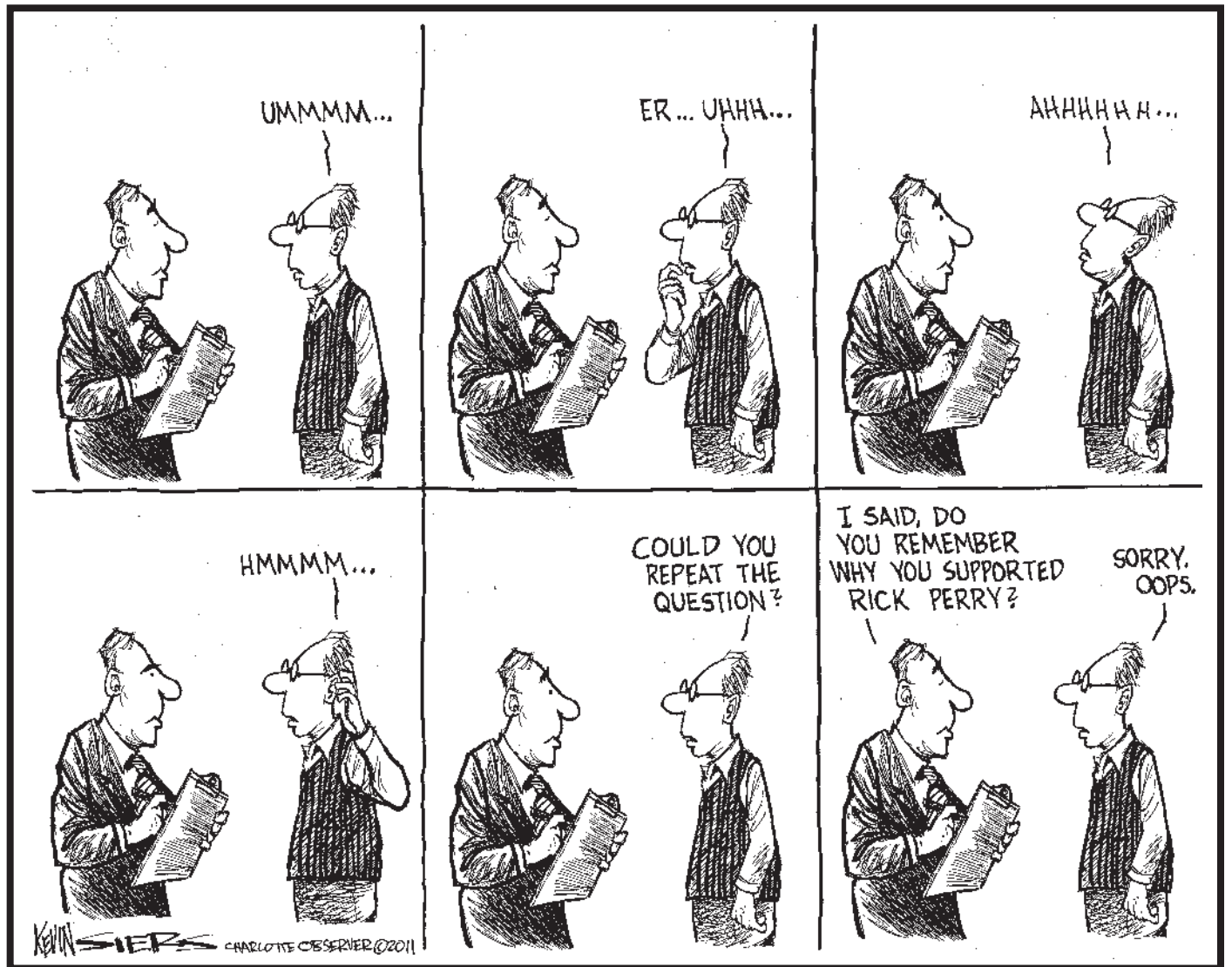
What he never had, through decades of winning elections, is a grasp of policy intricacies solid enough to allow him to explain and persuade, a balance under pressure. That deficit, no secret here in Texas, has been exposed to his lasting detriment nationwide. It has been enough to counter almost every advantage he took with him from Austin.

In conservative Texas, he could steer clear of debates and inquisitive newspaper editorial boards and still win.

In the white-hot nationwide spotlight, with Perry's positives neutered by his own missteps, all he had left was his ability to attract campaign cash. His problem now, perhaps fatal, is that such a debate debacle creates the kind of YouTube moment that shakes the confidence of any unpledged money.

There are words to explain blowing a race that could have been his to win. We hope he can remember them.

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Deportations under new US policy are inconsistent

A new Obama administration policy to avoid deportations of illegal immigrants who are not criminals has been applied very unevenly across the country and has led to vast confusion both in immigrant communities and among agents charged with carrying it out.

Since June, when the policy was unveiled, frustrated lawyers and advocates have seen a steady march of deportations of immigrants with no criminal record and with extensive roots in the United States, who seemed to fit the administration's profile of those who should be allowed to remain.

But at the same time, in other cases, immigrants on the brink of expulsion saw their deportations halted at the last minute, sometimes after public protests. In some instances, immigration prosecutors acted, with no prodding from advocates, to abandon deportations of immigrants with strong ties to this country whose only violation was their illegal status.

For President Obama, the political stakes in the new policy are high. White House officials have concluded that there is no chance before next year's presidential election to pass the immigration overhaul that Mr. Obama supports, which would include paths to legal status for illegal immigrants. But immigration authorities have sustained a fast pace of deportations, removing nearly 400,000 foreigners in each of the last three years. With Latino communities taking the brunt of those deportations, Latino voters are increasingly disappointed with Mr. Obama. White House officials hope the new policy will ease some of the pressure on Latinos, by steering enforcement toward gang members and convicts and away from students, soldiers and families of American citizens.

In a June 17 memorandum, John Morton, the director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, laid out more than two dozen factors that its agents and lawyers should weigh when deciding whether to exercise prosecutorial discretion to dismiss a deportation. The memo called for "particular care and consideration" for veterans and active-duty troops, elderly immigrants and minors, and those brought here illegally as children. In August, the Homeland Security secretary, Janet Napolitano, announced additional measures to put Mr. Morton's guidelines into effect, including a review of all deportation cases — about 300,000 — currently in the immigration courts, with the aim of closing cases that do not meet the administration's priorities.

In a report released Wednesday, the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the American Immigration Council collected 252 cases from lawyers across the country who had asked Mr. Morton's agency, known as ICE, to exercise prosecutorial discretion to spare immigrants from deportation. "The overwhelming conclusion is that most ICE offices have not changed their practices since the issuance of these new directives," the report found.

By JULIA PRESTON
The New York Times

Sageman is a sociologist, forensic psychiatrist and scholar in residence at the New York Police Department. He is the author of *Understanding Terror Networks and Leaderless Jihad*.



"This is a classic example of leadership saying one thing and the rank and file doing another," said Gregory Chen, director of advocacy for the lawyers association. The report found that training for immigration officers on the new guidelines had been lacking. Officials at the Homeland Security Department acknowledge the policy's slow start. Mr. Morton's June guidelines were followed by a three-month lull, when resistance grew among agents in the field. In late September, Ms. Napolitano and Mr. Morton went on the offensive to press the policy, and since then Mr. Morton has been on the road inaugurating training programs.

"Like any major change in enforcement policy, this is a work in progress," Mr. Morton said by telephone from Miami, where he was joining in a training session. "I have been handling much of the initial explanation myself, because I feel so strongly about it."

Officials say they need time to transform federal agencies accustomed to cut-and-dried immigration enforcement, with any illegal immigrant a target for deportation. Ms. Napolitano says immigration agents must become more like other police officers, using "sound prosecutorial practice" to follow priorities. Those priorities are to deport convicted criminals, serial violators of immigration law and recent border crossers, officials said.

The priorities did not apply for Neida Lavayen, 46, an American citizen in Elizabeth, N.J. After a three-year courtship, she had planned on Sept. 23 to marry Rubén Quinteros, an illegal immigrant from Uruguay. Mr. Quinteros, 43, had come legally to the United States, then stayed past his time limit. But once he and Ms. Lavayen married, he would be eligible for a permanent resident's green card as the spouse of a citizen.

Eight days before the wedding, Mr. Quinteros was arrested by immigration agents. His lawyer, Heather Benno, argued that he should benefit from prosecutorial discretion, since he was days away from resolving his immigration status. He had no criminal record, had paid taxes and had provided vital support for his fiancée, who suffered domestic abuse in her first marriage.

Ms. Benno's motions were denied. Ms. Lavayen found a pastor to marry the couple in the detention center, but immigration agents

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The seven billionth child

At the end of October, the UNFPA projected the birth of the 7 billionth child into the planet. In its report to the General Assembly, the planet in 12 years added a billion more lives into its roster. There were a billion humans in 1804, 2 billion in 1927, 3 in 1959, 4 in 1974, 5 in 1987, and 6 in 1998. We would have reached 7 billion five years earlier were it not for China's policy of one child per urban couple, two for rural residents in place. At the current trend, there will be 8 billion humans in 2023, with China reaching 1.45 billion in 2020; India will overtake China as the most populous nation of the world on 2030.

Not surprisingly, the Philippines' Danica May Camacho claims the dubious title of being the 7 billionth baby born two minutes before midnight Oct. 30 with the fanfare of commercial awards and recognition only a nation with strict restrictions on family planning is capable of ironic muster.

Free enterprise capitalism invested its rationale with the Darwinian "survival of the fittest." Malthus, in his theory of population growth, provided the justification for individual greed since he concluded that there would not be enough resource to go around for everyone. Alarmist minds echo that sentiment, and it is not surprising to find liberal and conservative causes decrying the coming of the 7 billionth count and the specter of overpopulation.

We are not against limit-of-growth sentiments since economic health in current reckoning simply means addition to the phantom wealth in the financial ledgers rather than on improving public/private provision of sufficient food, decent housing and shelter, healthy air and water, and equitable access to them by its population. Humans are treated as units of labor and consumption to be exploited rather than treasured as creatures on a journey from womb to tomb.

Because we have bought into the erroneous notion that resources are insufficient, we allow the accumulation of capital as the focus of economic striving rather than the sustenance of life that the eco-

nomie process can intentionally provide. Real free enterprise works only if human intentionality of communal well-being is a capital ingredient in the "natural" process. Main Street finally cries its primal scream when OWS calls corporate greed into question. It is not the limit of growth that is the issue; the illusion of insufficiency to justify greed is!

As the inflated value of imperial assets in the eurozone shake foundations (following the 2008 Wall Street rescue), with Greece's pain and Spain's downturn, Italy's shattering of glitterati, Portugal and Ireland cowed on the side, these indicate a question of what constitutes a humane standard of living with a realistic assessment of the genuine holding capacity of the planet.

It is touted that Gaia can only support a population of 2 billion people but this is based on a California ranch house standard of living model with two cars in the garage, a chicken in every pot, and 2.5 children of indeterminate sets of rotating parents watching HDTV in the living room!

We recall a colleague rushing to Saipan's Galleria when shops' overstock was going on sale. My response was that a \$125 shirt selling for \$45 was not a savings of \$80 but an expenditure of \$45 that I may not otherwise be spending. That's lost in our "sale" reflexes conditioned in our consumption programming.

Mr. Obama presides over an economy where only 2 percent of population is still producing food and over 90 percent in sectors managing information, including the supply of currency and the databases of imperial and illusory finance, with the rest in production and manufacturing. On the other hand, Mr. Hu grapples with an awakened population where 42 percent in agricultural productivity are rapidly exiting into the urban centers as production becomes mechanized, the young blazing a one-way exodus into academe on the illusion that an officially embossed seal on gold foil certificates guarantee "success and happiness," and we sense the tragedy forth-

manu i ekspirensiau na man-ma'gas tanu? De dios na diskuidu gi asuntun linahyan! Kau linala' miserable i premiun i tautau pagu?

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On this Thanksgiving Day

The holiday season begins next week on Thanksgiving Day. But the mood of governance seems pensive as they quiz: turkey or CUC? Hmmm, it's definitely situational. But I've decided to stay with my brethren by celebrating the occasion with Beach Cliff Sardines in soybean oil imported from Poland. No embarrassment there. After all, the locals have baptized sardines as the poor man's turkey. Yes, what matters to most families are the prayers of gratitude they'd offer Him upstairs for their blessings despite the hard times.

It isn't surprising too that given the disastrous state of the economy, many families have decided to forego lavish supper with loved ones—you know, the usual spread of turkey, ham, and all. Even a company that issues ham or turkey to its employees has forfeited such gifts this year. It's too steep a cost at a time when the firm hardly breaks even. Most would make do with what's available for the dinner table on Thanksgiving night.

It was in the late '50s when Thanksgiving Day gradually became a permanent part of the local community. Perhaps we can attribute it to the CNMI being predominantly Catholic. And Thanksgiving Day begins with a prayer of gratitude. It's a natural event that took its permanent root on the islands. It brings the flock's focus right back to Him. Yes, it's vital that we build and strengthen our spiritual anchor with complete surrender to Him. It provides for lighter loads on our shoulders as we struggle each day to earn an honest living.

With or without turkey and Christmas lights, make it a point to celebrate this day of Thanksgiving with loved ones. *Taya mas ke bendision i Saina gi maseha hafa na okasion entalo' tasin minagof yan chinatsaga. Gaige fime gi ha'anita na ha pupulan hit. Happy Thanksgiving para todus!*

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Buddy Magoo is all smiles this morning. That strange grin on his

lawyer, David Leopold.

On Nov. 3, the agency surprised Mr. Bartsch by terminating his deportation case entirely.

Like others whose deportations are canceled under the new policy, Mr. Bartsch will remain in limbo without any positive immigration status, Mr. Leopold said. But he will be able to apply for a work permit, an identity document that can open many doors.

"Hats off to ICE in the field for following the directives," Mr. Leopold said.

Outspoken resistance to the policy has come from Chris Crane, the president of the American Federation of Government Employees' union local that represents ICE deportation agents. In testimony last month before the immigration subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Crane said that Mr. Morton's guidelines were too complex and "cannot be effectively applied in the field."

Rather than adding flexibility, Mr. Crane said, the guidelines "take away officers' discretion and establish a system that mandates that the nation's most fundamental immigration laws are not enforced."

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Tribune

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coming to Zhongguo if it adopts the values and standards of the First World's milieu that has since dictated China's leveraged yet-to-burst real estate bubble.

The APEC Honolulu declaration echoed Obama's call that members play by the rules. This got a resounding "Yes" from Mr. Hu with the added caveat that the rules be subject to continuing review and reconsideration of members reflecting values of emergent markets rather than simply exploiting them as consumers on previously crafted rules.

It would not hurt the 7 billion if we can inventory the resources of our commons, ensure that organic food is affordably accessible to all, that health—physical, emotional, and mental—is a universal right guarded by public governance, that housing as shelter from harsh elements be built aesthetically rather than as glossed objects of financial speculations, that clothing be produced from need rather than based on the programmed obsolescence of fleeting modes, that accessories mechanical and electronic be marketed on need or function rather than social status or fashion, and that air be made clean and potable water tapped.

That is doable, and affordable. We only have to decide. Welcome Danica May!

In the Sea of Helplessness

Many of us endured the abject poverty forced upon the local community when the Navy moved elsewhere in 1960. The U.S. Department of the Interior came in with its own set of wages. Many lost their jobs with the Navy while those who moved into the TTG had to make do with \$0.16 an hour.

Fortunately, those employed with the Naval Administration never severed their customary subsistence lifestyle. So returning to farming and fishing when the Navy terminated their employment wasn't as bad. It was second nature working the farm fields and the lagoon. After all, they farmed and fished after work. Assistance from the feds, in any form or fashion, was nonexistent then.

The shift in lifestyle makes returning to subsistence living next to impossible today. Not after a stint in either sector where we bring home the bacon, so to speak for more than six decades. It's a modern community that thought the good times would never slip or falter. It did and royally too! It begs the question: Did leadership ever plan for this mind-numbing and fatal economic eventuality? Or were they humming "Don't worry, be happy..." followed by "Let it be?" Wow! Sterling leadership, huh?

I feel for family patriarchs and matriarchs who must endure a condition wrought by the bad times that include the forced loss of the first family home. This group includes more than 54 families and counting quickly. Yes, their daily meal from dawn to dusk is: Where would we go? To mom and dad or a sibling's home? Would not such a move impose upon the other family? What's the answer if the kids say, "Mom, let's go home?" Isn't it a tradition that a man must build a house before marrying his bride? But it seems the bad times, not better times now, has turned them into victims of unsolicited destitution and homelessness.

I've met some of these folks who are struggling for dear life in the sea of helplessness. Is there leadership on the hill, anywhere? Hello, anybody home? *Man-tinane' hit ginilisunen guaguan na steak yan lobster na esta man-malefa hit ni tautau gi seŋsoŋ siha. Malag*

By **JOHN DELROSARIO**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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face is a tale that he's found some heavy queries to slam against my face. Sure enough, he asked: "Iku, if this government is broke why is the hiring freeze easily ignored to hire more people?" I wasn't sure how to answer him but he followed it up with another query, "If this government can't pay its obligation to the Retirement Fund, why is the board so dismissive by not demanding payment from the administration?"

I explained (and have no business doing so) that attrition (as jobs are vacated) positions are closed, shut and bolted. This ensures cuts in spending. But then, since when did politicians exercise accountability, what with their insatiable desire to spend and shop until the local treasury drops off Debt Cliff? The imperiled Fund is woefully shaky at the base. Would the board demand payment when they must genuflect meekly to the boss who gave them their jobs?

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A faithful multi-millionaire gave generously to his church. His only wish is to win the highest power lotto. It never came until one day he was fuming for His failure to grant him his one last wish. Came an angel from above and asked him if he's bought tickets for the power lotto. He said he hasn't done so. Said the angel, "Then how do you expect to win if you haven't taken the initiative to buy tickets?" *A` Saina!*

Still, uncertainty about the policy among agents appeared more widespread than outright rejection did. That was the experience of Shamir Ali, a 24-year-old student born in Bangladesh, who was detained Oct. 19 when the police raided a Miami car rental agency where he worked, looking for someone else. Mr. Ali seemed to fit within the discretion guidelines: he had no criminal record and had been brought by his parents to the United States when he was 7. But immigration agents denied his first requests to be spared from deportation.

Then student groups staged protests on Mr. Ali's behalf in eight cities. On Oct. 28, agents freed Mr. Ali on an order of supervision, also allowing him to apply for a work permit. For Mr. Ali, like Mr. Bartsch, that permit would be life-changing, since it would allow him to obtain a driver's license and to enroll at resident rates in a state college.

Mr. Ali said he felt deeply grateful to the immigration agency. But he wondered: "If I didn't have all that support, what would have happened to me?"

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declined to release Mr. Quinteros for a few hours so he could go with Ms. Lavayen to get the marriage license, since registrars would not issue one without him. They were not able to marry, and Mr. Quinteros was deported Oct. 27.






"I never thought I would fall in love again and have dreams again and live such a beautiful romance," Ms. Lavayen said in a telephone conversation, pausing often to cry. "How did my country take away my happiness?"

By contrast, a student from Germany received good news that he had not asked for. Manuel Bartsch, now 24, was brought to the United States when he was 10 years old, then remained without documents. He stuck to his studies and is now nearing graduation from a private university in Ohio. After a legal fight in 2006, the immigration agency suspended Mr. Bartsch's deportation, said his

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 75°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 84° ▼ 77°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80

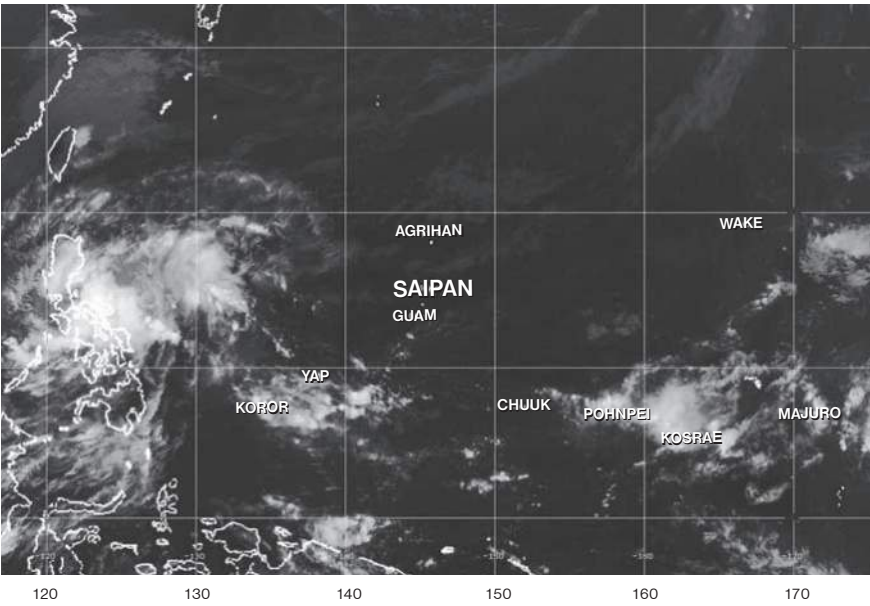
Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 56
Beijing	Showers	▲ 49 ▼ 41
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 48
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 47
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 69
New York	Rain	▲ 57 ▼ 43
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 50
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 43
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 54
Rome	Sunny	▲ 64 ▼ 42
Salem	Rain	▲ 52 ▼ 47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 52
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 45
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 48
Washington, DC	Rain	▲ 63 ▼ 45

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:48 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
10:00 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A disturbance centered just east of Mindanao is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 11N and 18N and west of 134E well west of the Marianas. Over the Marianas, weak shear lines are bringing narrow lines of scattered showers from 20N155E through the northern CNMI near 17N146E and 20N135E and through the Saipan area near 15N145E and finally along a line passing just south of Guam from 13N150E through 11N144E and west of 12N140E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in Yap state between 6N and 10N from 135E to 144E east of this area. The intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) is active along 8N through Pohnpei state and into the Marshall Islands. Trade-wind convergence and weak troughing are helping to support scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from 5N to 9N between 155E and 171E and northeast of Majuro from 5N to 11N and east of 174E. An upper-level low aligned with a surface trough is helping to generate scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in a small area east of Wake Island from 15N to 19N between 171E and 175E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:14 PM	10:29 AM
Thursday	11:08 PM	11:15 AM
Friday		11:59 AM
Saturday	12:03 AM	12:42 PM
Sunday	12:58 AM	1:25 PM

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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)	ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)
C05062 2:10am 2:40am 1, 5	C05064 5:15am 5:45am 1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)	ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)
C05064 4:15am 4:50am 1, 5	C05062 3:10am 3:45am 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN
C05070 4:15am 5:45am 1, 5 via ROP	C05062 2:10am 3:45am 1, 5 via ROP
C05070 4:35am 5:25am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C05069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6	C05071 7:00am 7:50am Daily
C05068 8:25am 9:15am Daily	C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C05076 3:10pm 4:00pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05077 5:30pm 6:20pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7	C05077 5:40pm 6:30pm 3, 6
C05078 6:50pm 7:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05079 8:35pm 9:25pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05078 7:00pm 7:50pm 3, 6	C05079 8:45pm 9:35pm 3, 6
C05072 9:55pm 10:45pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C05072 10:05pm 10:55pm 3, 6	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN
DL287 6:00am 8:35am Daily	DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily
DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily	DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN
OZ606 2:10am 6:00am 1	OZ603 9:00am 2:20pm Daily
OZ606 2:40am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7
OZ604 3:20pm 7:10pm Daily	OZ605 8:10pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN
3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN
3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)	MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN
OZ606/701 2:10am 11:15am 1 via ICN	OZ704/603 12:10am 2:20pm Daily via ICN
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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Business

Airline passengers can't win on tarmac delays

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sometimes it seems like airline passengers just can't win: The government cracks down on airlines that keep people cooped up on planes that sit on airport tarmacs for endless hours, and carriers respond by canceling more flights to avoid hefty fines.

The Transportation Depart-

In this Jan. 20, 2011, file photo, an American Eagle jet taxis at Boston's Logan International Airport. The Transportation Department announced Monday, Nov. 14, that they are fining the regional affiliate of American Airlines \$900,000 for keeping passengers cooped up on planes for over three hours in Chicago at O'Hare International Airport earlier this year. **AP**



ment's \$900,000 fine Monday against an American Airlines regional affiliate for holding hundreds of passengers on board 15 planes for hours in Chicago earlier this year may only fuel more debate over whether the government's get-tough policy is making air travel better or worse for passengers.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has hailed as a success his department's three-hour limit on such tarmac delays. Between May 2010 and April 2011, the first 12 months after the time limit was in effect, airlines reported 20 tarmac delays of more than three hours, none of which was more than four hours long.

In contrast, during the 12 months before the rule took effect, airlines had 693 tarmac delays of more than three hours, and 105 of the delays were longer than four hours.

However, a recent Government Accountability Office report concluded, "The rule appears to be associated with an increased number of cancellations for thousands of additional passen-

gers—far more than DOT initially predicted—including some who might not have experienced a tarmac delay."

With Monday's fine against American Eagle Airlines, the first imposed on an air carrier under new rule, cancellations will shoot up even more, airline analyst Michael Boyd said.

"If there's a 20 percent chance of this happening, an airline will cancel," Boyd said, because of the potential for massive fines.

Ken Quinn, a former Federal Aviation Administration chief counsel who now represents airlines, said the three-hour limit is "having an inadvertent and anti-consumer effect."

Airlines that violate the rule can be fined as much as \$27,500 per passenger, but transportation officials had held off fining air carriers in any of the several dozen instances where the rule has been broken until this week. Industry officials are watching for any action from DOT on a similar incident at the Hartford, Conn., airport during a freak snowstorm in October.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

IMF warns China's banks face growing risks

BEIJING (AP)—The International Monetary Fund warned Tuesday that China's banks face growing risks that might hamper growth, adding to concern about the world's second-largest economy amid Europe's debt crisis. The IMF's comments add to warnings by industry analysts that state-owned banks face a possible rise in bad loans and other problems after a lending boom that helped China rebound quickly from the 2008 global crisis. China's economy expanded by 9.1 percent in the quarter ending in September but growth is forecast to slow as exports weaken due to a slump in U.S. and European demand and a boom in real estate prices cools.

Berkshire buys 5 pct of IBM, takes other stakes

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Warren Buffett said Monday that his company has spent \$10.7 billion to buy more than 5 percent of IBM's stock this year, a surprising move by the bil-

lionaire investor who has long shied away from investing in high technology companies. Berkshire Hathaway also revealed several other new investments made during the turmoil of the third quarter. Besides the new IBM investment, Berkshire added much smaller stakes in Intel Corp., DirecTV, General Dynamics Corp. and CVS Caremark Corp. Most of the details emerged from the quarterly update Berkshire filed with regulators on its \$59 billion U.S. stock portfolio. Buffett disclosed some details in interviews earlier in the day.

Honda resuming some production after Thai flooding

TOKYO (AP)—Honda Motor Corp. says it is beginning to restore some production of cars and motorcycles that took a hit from the recent flooding in Thailand. The Japanese company has restarted output of some motorcycle and power products at its subsidiary in Thailand. It had suspended motorcycle output at the plant since Oct. 11 due to supply problems. Honda's auto factory in Thailand remains closed because of the floodwaters.

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank reported net income of \$50.4 million for the third quarter of 2011, compared to \$56.4 million in 2010. The net income decline was the result of an increase in Income Tax expense for 2011 due to reduced investment tax credits.

Excluding one-time tax gains in 2010, net income was up 9.8 percent for the quarter. Net income before taxes for the quarter was \$80.5 million compared to \$69.9 million in 2010, a 15.1 percent increase.

Net income before taxes for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2011, was \$251.3 million, a 9.3

FHB reports 3rd quarter earnings

percent increase. Net income after tax was down 3.1 percent to \$157.5 million compared to \$162.4 million in 2010 due to increased Income Tax expenses.

At quarter end, total assets reached a record \$15.4 billion. The announcement was made today by Don Horner, First Hawaiian chairman and chief executive officer.

"Despite our sluggish state and national economic recoveries, the bank achieved a respectable quarter highlighted by strong deposit growth as well as

continued solid asset quality," Horner said.

At Sept. 30, 2011, First Hawaiian Bank achieved the following over the prior year:

Total Assets: were \$15.4 billion, a 3.8-percent increase.

Deposits: reached \$12.2 billion, a 16.9-percent increase.

Loans and Leases: were \$8.2 billion, a 1.1-percent increase.

Capital (Net worth): remained well above other Hawaii banks and in the top quartile nationally as a percentage of total assets.

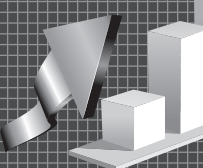
Non-Performing Assets: As-

set quality remained one of the strongest in the U.S. with non-performing assets at 0.26 percent of total assets.

Horner reported that loan demand was still lagging as many businesses remain cautious about the strength of the economic recovery.

For the first nine months of 2011, First Hawaiian remained the largest local real estate lender in Hawaii funding nearly \$900 million in mortgages. The bank also added an upgraded 24x7 free Mobile Banking service for its customers and installed ATMs in 22 Zippy's locations on Oahu and Maui. **(FHB)**

STOCK PORTFOLIO



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,079.00	1,251.78	2,657.22
-74.70	-12.07	-21.53
-0.61%	-0.96%	-0.80%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	0.9825	Indian Rupee	50.6050	Singapore Dollar	1.2907
	British Pound	0.6287	Indonesian Rupiah	8,995.0	South Korean Won	1,126.20
	Canadian Dollar	1.0193	Japanese Yen	76.9950	Swiss Franc	0.9113
	Chinese Yuan	6.3505	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1500	Taiwan Dollar	30.1980
	Euro	0.7348	New Zealand Dollar	1.2928	Thailand Baht	30.7950

Nation

Sandusky proclaims innocence in NBC interview

NEW YORK (AP)—A former Penn State football assistant coach charged with sexually abusing eight boys in a scandal that has rocked the university said Monday that there was no abuse and that any activities in a campus shower with a boy were just horseplay, not molestation.

In a telephone interview Monday night on NBC News' "Rock Center," Bob Costas asked Jerry Sandusky if he's a pedophile and Sandusky responded, "No."

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* reported on its website late Monday that close to 10 additional suspected victims have come forward to authorities since Sandusky's arrest, according to people close to the investigation. The paper said police were working to confirm the new allegations.

Sandusky, once considered veteran coach Joe Paterno's heir apparent, was arrested more than a week ago and is charged with sexually abusing eight boys, some on Penn State property, over a 15-year span.

"I am innocent of those charges," the 67-year-old Sandusky said. "... I could say that I

have done some of those things. I have horsed around with kids. I have showered after workouts. I have hugged them, and I have touched their legs without intent of sexual contact."

Asked whether he was sexually attracted to under-aged boys, he said "Sexually attracted, no. I enjoy young people, I love to be around them, but, no, I'm not sexually attracted to young boys."

Asked if there was anything he had done wrong, Sandusky said, "I shouldn't have showered with those kids."

Athletic director Tim Curley and Penn State vice president Gary Schultz are charged with perjury but maintain their innocence. Paterno and president Graham Spanier were ousted from their jobs for not doing enough after Sandusky was accused of assaulting a young boy in the showers of the campus football complex in 2002. Paterno is not the target of any legal investigation, but he has conceded he should have done more. Spanier, who re-

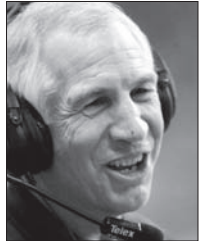
mains a tenured member of the faculty, has said he would have reported a crime if he'd suspected one had been committed.

The interview with Costas was Sandusky's first public comment on the charges. He had previously maintained his innocence through his attorney, Joe Amendola.

A spokesman for Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly declined to comment on the interview, citing the active investigation. Sandusky's remarks came the same night that Amendola, told CNN that his client was just behaving like "a jock."

"Jerry Sandusky is a big overgrown kid," Amendola said. "He's a jock, and for anybody who's ever played sports, you get showers after you work out."

Wide receivers coach Mike McQueary told a grand jury that in March 2001 when he was a graduate assistant, he saw Sandusky sodomizing a boy about 10 years old in a shower at the Nittany Lions' practice center.



Sandusky

McQueary did not go to police but instead told Paterno, Curley and Schultz, although it is unclear how detailed a description he gave. Schultz, in turn, notified Spanier.

Sandusky told NBC that only "horseplay" was involved.

"We were showering and horsing around, and he actually turned all the showers on and was actually sliding across the floor, and we were, as I recall, possibly like snapping a towel—horseplay," he said.

Amendola accused the attorney general's office of having "thrown everything they can throw up against the wall." He said some of the allegations, such as putting a hand on a boy's knee, do not constitute criminal conduct and other cases include no direct complaint by the boy.

"They have other people who are saying they saw something, but they don't have actual people saying, 'This is what Jerry did to me,'" Amendola said. "We're working to find those people, and when the time comes, and if we are able to do that, we think this whole case will change dramatically."

Deep-chilling trauma patients to try to save them

WASHINGTON (AP)—Suspended animation may not be just for sci-fi movies anymore: Trauma surgeons soon will try plunging some critically injured people into a deep chill—cooling their body temperatures as low as 50 degrees—in hopes of saving their lives.

Many trauma patients have injuries that should be fixable but they bleed to death before doctors can patch them up. The new theory: Putting them into extreme hypothermia just might allow them to survive without brain damage for about an hour so surgeons can do their work.

In a high-stakes experiment funded by the Defense Department, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is preparing to test that strategy on a handful of trauma victims who are bleeding so badly from gunshots, stab wounds or similar injuries that their hearts stop beating. Today when that happens, a mere 7 percent of patients survive.

Get cold enough and "you do OK with no blood for a while," says lead researcher Dr. Samuel Tisherman, a University of Pittsburgh critical care specialist. "We think we can buy time. We think it's better than anything else we have at the moment, and could have a significant impact in saving a bunch of patients."

Tisherman calls the rescue attempt "emergency preservation and resuscitation," EPR instead of CPR. His team plans to begin testing it early next year in Pittsburgh and then expanding the study to the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

If the dramatic approach works, it will spur some rethinking about that line between life and death, says Dr. Arthur Caplan, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist who is watching the research.

But before the first candidates get chilled, the scientists face a hurdle: The law requires that patients consent to be part of medical experiments after they're told

the pros and cons. That's impossible when the person is bleeding to death. There won't even be time to seek a relative's permission.

So starting Tuesday, the Pittsburgh team is beginning a campaign required by the Food and Drug Administration to educate area residents about the study instead—with signs on city buses, video on YouTube, a web site and two town-hall meetings next month. Residents worried about possible risks, such as brain damage, could sign a list saying they'd opt out if they ever were severely injured.

Go even a few minutes without oxygen and the brain in particular can suffer significant damage. Doctors have long sought to use hypothermia in medicine since discovering that cooling can slow the metabolism of the brain and other organs, meaning they can go without oxygen for longer periods. Donated organs are chilled to preserve them, for example.

And people whose hearts are shocked back into beating after what's called cardiac arrest often are iced down to about 90 or 91 degrees, mild hypothermia that allows the brain to recover from damage that began in those moments between their collapse and revival.

But the CPR that buys time during more routine cardiac arrest doesn't help trauma patients who've already lost massive amounts of blood. Injuries are the nation's fifth-leading killer, and hemorrhage is one of the main reasons, says Dr. Hasan Alam of Massachusetts General Hospital, who is collaborating with the Pitt study.

Enter deep hypothermia, dropping body temperature to around 50 degrees. It has worked in dogs and pigs, animals considered a model for human trauma, in experiments over the past decade conducted by Tisherman, Alam and a few other research groups.

Supreme Court: Pre-election showdown on Obamacare

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court on Monday promised an extraordinarily thorough springtime review of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul—more than five hours of argument, unprecedented in modern times—in time for a likely ruling affecting millions of Americans just before the presidential election.

That ruling, expected before next summer's Independence Day holiday, could determine the fate of Obama's signature domestic achievement, the most far reaching domestic legislation in a generation but a political lightning rod as well. It is vigorously opposed by all of Obama's prospective GOP opponents.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act aims to provide health insurance to more than 30 million previously uninsured Americans. But Republicans have branded the law unconstitutional since before Obama signed it in a ceremony in March 2010.

The court's ruling could be its most significant and political decision since George W. Bush's 2000 presidential elec-

tion victory. But the justices left themselves an opening to defer the outcome if they choose, by requesting arguments on one lower court's ruling that a decision must wait until 2015, when one of the law's many provisions takes effect.

Legal experts have offered a range of opinions about what the high court might do. Many prominent Supreme Court lawyers believe the law will be upheld by a lopsided vote, with Republican and Democratic appointees ruling in its favor. But others predict a close outcome, with Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Republican appointee who sometimes joins his four colleagues appointed by Democratic presidents, holding the deciding vote on the nine-member court.

The White House has pushed for a final ruling as soon as possible, and Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer said the administration was pleased the justices agreed to take the case now, with arguments in March. "It's important that we put to rest once and for all the issue of maybe the law will disappear," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.



In this Jan. 7, 2008 file photo, attorney Donald Verrilli, who argued against the use of a three drug cocktail used to execute inmates, gestures as he talks to media outside the Supreme Court in Washington, after arguments about the lethal injection death penalty. The Supreme Court on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, promised an extraordinarily thorough springtime review of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul—more than five hours of argument, unprecedented in modern times—in time for a likely ruling affecting millions of Americans just before the presidential election. Verrilli, the current solicitor general, is expected to defend the law before the justices.

ACROSS THE NATION

Hawaii helicopter crash victims from Toronto ID'd

HONOLULU (AP)—Authorities on Monday released the names of the Canadian couple killed in last week's tour helicopter crash on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. Maui County police Lt. Wayne K. Ibarra identified the married couple as Stewart Robertson, 50, and Eva Birgitta Wanners-

jo, 47, of Toronto. They were among five people killed when the 45-minute sightseeing flight operated by Blue Hawaiian Helicopters plunged into a hillside Thursday. The others were pilot Nathan Cline, 30, and newlyweds Michael and Nicole Abel of Pittsburgh. Michael Abel, 25, and Nicole Abel, 28, both worked in the nuclear services division at Westinghouse Electric Co. and were married less

than a week earlier.

Videos document Giffords' progress since shooting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Videos of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' recovery from a bullet wound to the brain shows the congresswoman struggling to relearn how to speak. In the first few weeks after she was shot, videos taken by her husband, former

astronaut Mark Kelly, capture the congresswoman's struggle just to learn how to nod, to raise two fingers and use the right word to describe something. Eventually, she learns to speak again and smile. Kelly says he documented her recovery because he knew she would astonish her skeptics. The video was shown Monday night as part of her first public interview since the January shooting. It aired on

ABC's "20/20" program.

Oakland raid is latest in Occupy camp crackdowns

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Police decked in riot gear and armed with tear gas cleared out Oakland's anti-Wall Street encampment early Monday, the latest law enforcement crackdown amid complaints around the country of health and safety

hazards at protest camps. The raid at the Occupy Oakland camp, one of the largest and most active sites in the movement, came a day after police in Portland, Ore., arrested more than 50 people while shutting down its camp amid complaints of drug use and sanitation issues. Police in Burlington, Vt., also evicted protesters after a man fatally shot himself last week inside a tent.

Asia

Taiwan opposition builds campaign with piggy banks

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—It started early last month, when a Taiwanese boy handed his coin-filled piggy bank to the opposition candidate for president, only to have the government declare the donation illegal because minors are prohibited from involvement in political campaigns.

That gave rise to the Democratic Progressive Party's "Three Little Pigs" movement, which is now sweeping this island of 23 million people.

With a nod to the fairy tale, the DPP has been handing out hamster-sized, plastic piggy banks in shiny oranges and reds. The idea is that by banding together to make small donations, tens of thousands of economically challenged workers and farmers can overcome the big bad wolf of Taiwanese corporate power and defeat incumbent Ma Ying-jeou and his supposedly capitalist cronies in the Jan. 14 presidential poll.

The piggy campaign is a salient reminder that not all Taiwanese politics revolves around the island's complex relationship with China, from which it split amid civil war in 1949. While that issue tends to garner the most interest abroad, Taiwanese themselves are usually more concerned with bread-and-butter questions such as wages, inflation and jobs.

Taiwan's economy has fared relatively well in recent years, avoiding the slow growth syndrome that has afflicted most of the West. But complaints over rising income inequality have been mounting, fueled by a residential building boom that seems largely reserved for high-wage earners and a shift in the labor market that appears to punish relatively unskilled or undereducated workers.



In this photo taken on Nov. 11, 2011, a campaign volunteer seals a "Piggy Bank" containing donations at the opposition Democratic Progressive Party's 2012 presidential candidate Tsai Ing-wen's campaign headquarters in Banciao, northern Taiwan.

That has provided a big political opening for Tsai Ing-wen, the 54-year-old DPP presidential candidate, and the star of the suddenly trendy piggy bank campaign.

Scion of a wealthy family, the soft-spoken Tsai has been transformed almost overnight from a wonkish intellectual whose privileged background allowed her to study abroad, into a Robin Hood-like heroine

committed to lifting the poor from the hardships of life.

"She is so extraordinary," said 63-year-old welfare recipient Bei Ling, who lives with her husband in the Taipei working-class suburb of Banciao. "Whenever we see her on TV we are moved to tears."

Even Ma supporters—and latest polls still give him a razor-thin lead over Tsai—acknowledge that he can't compete with her in the garnering-love-from-the-masses department.

Since taking office 3 1/2 years ago, the 61-year-old Ma has won plaudits for helping Taiwan navigate through the global financial

crisis, but has been widely criticized for his perceived inability to address the interests of blue-collar workers, farmers and others less well-off, and for his seeming lack of human empathy. Like Tsai, he comes from a well-connected family whose privileged status helped underwrite his foreign education.

Tsai has worked hard at exploiting Ma's supposed weaknesses.

Clad in simple clothes and sometimes wearing a farmer's traditional straw hat, she has visited countless rural villages and working-class districts, chatting with farmers and laborers in front of countless television

cameras, to burnish her populist credentials.

Now, with the piggy campaign in full swing, she is inundated almost everywhere she goes with supporters presenting her with piggy banks stuffed with modest amounts of cash.

Tsai's cause is being helped by mounting public criticism of government waste, which resurfaced late last month following revelations that officials spent \$7 million on a glitzy National Day production that was paid little attention.

Political commentator Hu Wen-hui of the pro-DPP Liberty Times newspaper wrote that with scandals like this, it's no surprise the race is extremely tight.

"Millions of piggies are showing their anger against the Ma government," Hu wrote. "They embody a demand for revolutionary change."

Premier Wu Den-yih, Ma's vice-presidential running mate, said the piggies' innocent image did not reflect the true face of the DPP and its well-born presidential candidate.

"You don't turn a remote person into an approachable one just by giving her a piggy," he said.

Former DPP lawmaker Lin Cho-shui disagreed, saying the success of the piggy campaign reflected mounting popular unease over income inequality and rising unemployment.

"With middle and worker-class livelihoods under threat," he said, "it has fed into a collective social anxiety."

Suu Kyi: Myanmar has made progress, more needed

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Monday that Myanmar's government has taken positive steps toward reform in the year since she was released from house arrest but more needs to be done, including freeing hundreds more political prisoners.

The Nobel peace laureate, speaking to more than 100 journalists on the anniversary of her release, cited her meetings with minister Aung Kyi and President Thein Sein as progress.

"Looking back at the past year, I think I can say that it has been eventful, energizing and to a certain extent encouraging," said Suu Kyi, who was detained most of the past two decades by Myanmar's former military government.

The international community's hopes were not high after the country carefully orchestrated the Nov. 7, 2010, election.

As expected, the polls brought to power a proxy party for the military, which ran the country since a 1962 coup.

But that perception has changed in recent months, as the new government eased censorship, legalized labor unions, suspended an unpopular, China-backed dam project and began talks with Suu Kyi's pro-democracy movement.

She said she believed Thein Sein was committed to reforms. He was prime minister under the long-ruling military junta and has been considered a moderate.

"I personally believe that he is very genuine in his desire for the process of democratization," Suu Kyi said.

There are still key issues to be addressed, how-

ever. Suu Kyi on Monday mentioned the plight of both political prisoners and ethnic minorities as well as the need for rule of law and an independent judiciary in the country.

"An issue of great importance to all of us who are working for democracy in Burma is that of political prisoners. Some had been released over the last year, but there are still many who remain in prison," Suu Kyi said, using the name for the country that the pro-democracy movement prefers.



Suu Kyi

She said she had no news about wide speculation that the government would announce the release of more political prisoners Monday.

"We do not have any specific information on who has been released if anybody has been released at all," she said.

A government-appointed human rights body on Sunday urged the president to release political prisoners or transfer them to prisons close to their families, signaling such action may be imminent.

Myanmar's three state-owned newspapers published the open letter from National Human Rights Commission chairman Win Mra calling for an amnesty "as a reflection of magnanimity," or to transfer political prisoners in remote prisons to facilities with easy access for their family members.

The letter's publication is significant because the tightly controlled newspapers closely reflect government positions. An amnesty of 6,359 prisoners in October happened the same day state-run newspapers published a similar appeal.

Missile strike kills 7 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A suspected U.S. drone fired missiles at a house in northwestern Pakistan near the Afghan border early Tuesday morning, killing seven alleged militants, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The strike occurred in Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal area, a key hub for Taliban and al-Qaida militants, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Elsewhere in the northwest, Pakistani forces pounded militant hideouts, killing 16 suspected insurgents, said government officials.

Most of the suspected militants killed in Tuesday's drone attack were from the Pakistani Taliban, said the intelligence officials. Insurgents linked to Afghan militant groups who were harboring them were also killed, they said.

The U.S. has conducted around 200 drone strikes in North Waziristan in recent years, mostly targeting al-Qaida militants and Afghan Taliban fighters who are battling American troops in Afghanistan. Some of the strikes have also

hit the Pakistani Taliban, who are allied with Afghan groups but have focused their fighting against the Pakistani state.

The U.S. does not acknowledge the CIA-run drone program in Pakistan publicly, but officials have said privately that the strikes have killed many senior al-Qaida and Taliban commanders.

Pakistani officials have criticized the strikes as violations of the country's sovereignty, but the government is widely believed to have supported the strikes in the past and even let the drones take off from bases inside Pakistan.

That support has become strained as the relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan has deteriorated, especially in the wake of the covert American raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden in a Pakistani garrison town in May. The Pakistani government was not notified of the operation beforehand.

The U.S. has pushed Pakistan to take military action in North Waziristan, or at least provide Washington with intelligence that could be used to target insurgents battling American forces in Afghanistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

PH seeks summit on sea row; China cool

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines is pushing for unprecedented talks on one of the Asia's most volatile territorial disputes at regional meetings this week. China opposes discussing claims to the South China Sea at the East Asian Summit. Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said Tuesday that the Philippines also wants the U.N. to arbitrate the disputes involving China and five other countries. China wants individual negotiations to settle the claims in the potentially oil-rich region.

PH court allows Arroyo to travel abroad

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—News reports say the Philippine Supreme Court is allowing former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to travel abroad despite a government decision to bar her from leaving while she is investigated on corruption allegations. ABS-CBN TV reported that the justices voted 8 to 5 Tuesday to issue a temporary restraining order, allowing Arroyo to travel. She wants to get medical treatment abroad for a bone ailment. Arroyo denies the corruption complaints against her. President Benigno Aquino III last week refused to lift the travel ban against her, saying she might never return to face justice.

9 dead in gas explosion at restaurant in NW China

BEIJING (AP)—An explosion in a restaurant in a tourist city in northwestern China on Monday killed at least nine people and injured another 34, state media said. The explosion happened at the start of the morning rush hour in a fast-food restaurant in Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi province and home to China's ancient terra cotta warriors, according to a report on the website of the Xi'an Daily, which is run by the Communist Party's local propaganda department. The official Xinhua News Agency said an initial investigation blamed a liquified petroleum gas leak. The explosion knocked out windows as far as a mile (about two kilometers) away.

World

Pressure mounts on Syrian leader amid crackdown

BEIRUT (AP)—Jordan's king said Monday that Syrian President Bashar Assad should step down for the good of his country, the first Arab leader to publicly make such a call as Syria's neighbors close ranks against an increasingly isolated regime.

Syria's crackdown on an 8-month-old uprising has brought international condemnation, but Damascus generally has been spared broad reproach in the Arab world. That changed Saturday, with a near-unanimous vote by the 22-member Arab League to suspend Syria.

Assad has tried to blunt the most serious threat to his family's 40-year dynasty by promising reform while also using the military to crack down on protests that refuse to abate despite 3,500 dead—including at least 12 reported killed on Monday.

He still has a firm grip on power, in part because the opposition remains fragmented and he retains the support of the business classes and minority groups who feel vulnerable in an overwhelmingly Sunni nation. The 46-year-old leader can ride out sanctions imposed by the U.S. and Europe—at least in the near term—as long as he has the support of key allies Russia, China and Iran.

As the uprising wears on, the regime could wobble. Sanctions

Arab League

The League of Arab States, with 21 mainly Arabic-speaking member countries, works to promote Arab unity.*

- **Population** About 360 million
- **Area** 5.18 million sq. mi. (13.33 million sq. km)



are chipping away at the ailing economy, and a financial collapse might persuade the middle classes to abandon their allegiance to Assad.

The call by Jordan's King Abdullah II for Assad to leave

was the latest blow.

"If Bashar (Assad) has the interest of his country, he would step down, but he would also create an ability to reach out and start a new phase of Syrian political life," Abdullah told the

BBC in an interview.

"If I was in his position, I would—if it was me—I would step down and make sure whoever comes behind me has the ability to change the status quo that we're seeing," he said.

Damascus had no immediate public comment.

After the interview aired, a top Jordanian government official said the king didn't directly call on Assad to step down, noting the monarch was

responding to a reporter's question about what he would do if he were in Assad's place. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to comment publicly on the king's statements.

UN envoy: Yemen president should transfer power soon

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemen's embattled president must speed up reforms and begin a transfer of power according to a plan backed by the international community, said a U.N. envoy on Monday.

Jamal Benomar visited Yemen for a week to promote a Gulf-backed proposal that calls for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to transfer power to his vice president in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Saleh told a TV interviewer that he will sign, but he did not say when.

Saleh has resisted the proposal despite nearly nine months of protests against his 30-year rule. Several times he said he would sign, only to back away at the last minute. Months of international diplomacy has failed to resolve the crisis.

Benomar held meetings with opposition figures on Monday, including Maj. Gen.

Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, who leads a military unit of defectors siding with the opposition and protecting protesters.

Earlier in his trip, Benomar met with Saleh and his deputy.

In a rare interview with foreign media, Saleh told the TV channel France 24 that he would sign the Gulf-backed package, but he would not say when that would happen or what was preventing him from doing so, vaguely noting that there was no time mechanism in the accord. The interview was broadcast late Monday.

"Definitely, definitely," Saleh replied when asked if he intended to leave power. "I believe that anyone who grips on to power is crazy." He said he would step down 90 days after the agreement goes into effect, but he did not say when that would be.

Mediators and opposition figures have become exasperated with what they see as Saleh's stalling tactics.

Monti can't yet say if Italy needs more measures

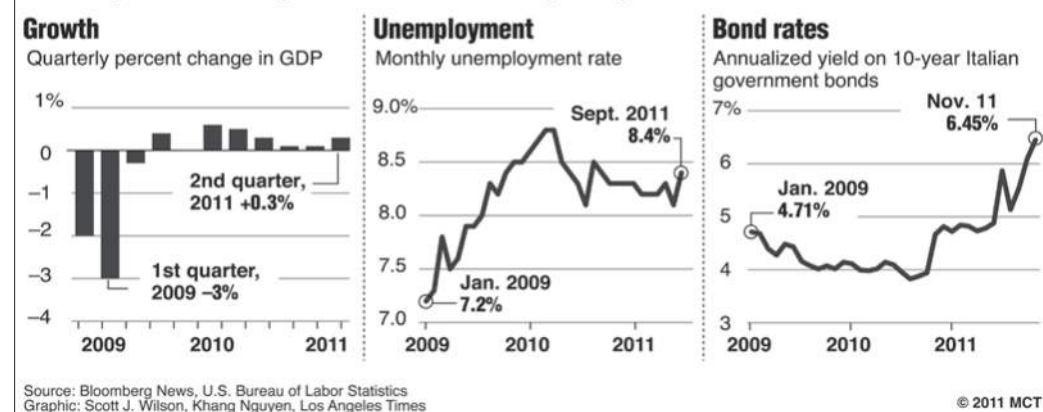
ROME (AP)—Italy's Premier-designate Mario Monti said Monday it is "premature" to say if the country will require more tough measures to rescue its finances and revive its economy, as he sought enough backing from political parties to form a government.

Two days after Silvio Berlusconi resigned as premier, and with investors still nervous about Italy's credibility, Monti spent Monday consulting with political parties, then said he can't say when he would have a Cabinet lined up.

Pressured by financial markets, Italy's Parliament last week gave final approval after weeks of political squabbling over emergency measures aimed at cutting

In the doldrums

Italy's economic growth has been anemic and marked by a high unemployment rate. In addition, worries about the country's financial stability have sent bond rates soaring recently.



spending and spurring economic growth, but it is unclear if that action is enough with Italy's debt costs shooting upward.

Asked if Italy would need a "corrective" package of measures, Monti replied: "I appreciate the question, but it would be

premature on my part to reply."

A few party leaders—including ones in Berlusconi's party—have been demanding the non-

partisan Monti only last long enough to implement economic reforms, then step down so elections can be called this spring, a year ahead of schedule.

But Monti, a 68-year-old economics professor, made clear that he intends to serve until spring 2013 elections, calling it counterproductive to say when he'd step down.

"If a date before (2013) is set, this haste would take away credibility from the government's actions," Monti said at his brief news conference. "I won't accept" such a condition, he said.

Investors initially cheered Monti's appointment, though the concern lingered about the sheer amount of work his new government will have to do to restore faith in the country's battered economy and finances.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 109 points, or 0.9 percent, to 12,044, on Monday, with bank stocks sinking the most. European markets also fell and the euro weakened against the dollar.

Italy's government raised \$4.1 billion in a sale of five-year bonds on Monday, but the 6.29 percent interest rate was the highest since 1997. Italy paid a much lower rate of 5.32 percent at a similar auction last month. The increase is a sign that banks and other bond buyers remain concerned about Italy's ability to pay its debts.

Italy will need those borrowing rates to come down in the coming months to avoid a big increase in its interest costs—some euro200 billion (\$273 billion) in public debt comes due through the end of April.

WORLD BRIEFS

2 more arrested in Ramos kidnapping in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan police said Monday that two more suspects have been arrested in the kidnapping of Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos and that authorities are searching for several others. The men, a Colombian and

a Venezuelan, were detained Sunday in a car with several other people in the town of Moron, not far from where Ramos was held captive, national investigative police chief Humberto Ramirez told reporters. Police seized revolvers from the men as well as a cellular phone "directly linked" to the kidnapping, Ramirez said at a news con-

ference in the central city of Valencia. He said police are searching for other suspects.

New quake hits eastern Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—A magnitude-5.2 quake early Tuesday shook eastern Turkey—already devastated by two powerful tremors, the Kandilli observatory said. The lat-

est quake hit Van province but there was no immediate report of damage or injuries, state-run Anatolia news agency said. Its epicenter was in the village of Mollakasim, the observatory said in a statement. Previous quakes have turned Van, the provincial capital of half a million, into a virtual ghost town, Gov. Munir Karaloglu said Monday. He called for urgent

relief aid for survivors.

Greek PM: Remaining in euro "is only choice"

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's new prime minister says he is determined to keep the country in the eurozone, and urged political leaders to back a written commitment for a new massive debt deal. Prime Minister Lucas

Papademos was sworn in last week to head a short-term coalition government supported by the outgoing Socialists and the rival conservatives. The technocratic government was created to secure the approval of a new massive bailout worth euro130 billion (\$177 billion) from other eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund.

Focus

United CEO sees more passenger choice—for a fee

NEW YORK (A P) — Jeff Smisek says he was drawn to the airline business for a simple reason: the complexity. “People who love challenges get into this business,” says Smisek, a former corporate lawyer turned airline CEO.

He faces many as he tries to combine United and Continental into the world’s largest airline.

Most of his day is spent integrating the airlines’ different cultures, fleets and unions. Managing sky-high fuel costs is also high on his to-do list. And before he leaves the office, Smisek reads as many emails as he can, including those from passengers upset they got stuck with the middle seat.

Smisek, 57, graduated with honors at both Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He was CEO of Houston-based Continental when it merged with United a year ago, leapfrogging Delta Air Lines Inc. as the biggest. The combined airline took United’s name and its Chicago headquarters, but the top executives who run the operation came mostly from Continental.

In 1995, Smisek left a job as a partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, to join a turnaround team at Continental. Now, he oversees more than 86,000 employees and 5,700 daily flights. United Continental Holdings Inc. carries more than 142 million passengers a year to 376 destinations around the globe.

Smisek jokes that if United and its partners don’t fly someplace, then “you don’t want to go there.”

The combined airline isn’t worrying so much about attracting vacationers. Instead, it is targeting business travelers who tend to pay more for last-minute tickets and focusing on lucrative international routes. The airline is also looking at new ways to get

more money from passengers.

Smisek says airlines probably won’t add more baggage fees. However, there will be plenty of other extra services that his airline will offer, for a fee.

Smisek sat down with The Associated Press in New York and discussed the economy, airfares, and why air travel was never glamorous. Below are excerpts, edited for length and clarity.

Q: What’s your take on the economy and how that might affect air travel?

A: We have a lot of different geographies we operate in. Latin American markets are doing extremely well. The Pacific market is doing well. The European market is actually holding up far better than I would anticipate given all the turmoil. And the U.S. market is just sort of chugging along, sort of sideways. We’re not seeing any decrease in business travel. We’re not seeing any increase.

Q: Are there two or three big changes that air travelers will see in the next five years?

A: We have an enormous amount of data about our consumers that we do not adequately use today. You’re going to see more targeted marketing, on an individual basis. We know how frequently they travel, where they travel, when they travel. Often we know whether they’re renting a car, or a hotel. We know their propensity to upgrade or buy an upgrade.

Q: Is there anything that will make airfare pricing less complicated?

A: No. I think what you’re going to see is more choice. And choice can become complex.

Q: What’s your verdict on the status of the merger?

A: We’re exactly where we expected to be, in terms of things that we’ve accomplished. The only thing where we haven’t gotten where we wanted to be by this point is in getting the labor agreements done. With the pilots, there has been some degree of intra-union politicking going on and that has delayed it. But that, you can’t lay at the feet



In this Oct. 14, 2011 file photo, United Continental CEO Jeff Smisek speaks during an Associated Press interview, in New York.

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of management.

Q: A lot of people love to hate the airlines. Do they expect too much from you?

A: We’re in the business of getting people safely from point A to point B, on time, with their underwear. That’s what we do for a living and we are really good at it. The mental image people have of the glamour of flying was when flying was unaffordable. When I was a child, I didn’t fly—we couldn’t afford to fly. Flying was for rich people. Today, flying is

for everybody.

Q: Are there any foreign airlines doing things you think are especially innovative?

A: I like to fly competitors, because I learn. I like to go spy on them. We’re not proud. We’ll copy anything that makes sense. I can’t think of any particular item where we’ve gone, “Wow, we should do that,” but we’re always looking for it.

Q: Is consolidation good for consumers?

A: Ultimately, yes. It’s bad for

consumers to have airlines that are always on the brink of insolvency, that are subject to potential strikes by labor, who cannot be depended on to be there the next day.

Q: Do you have three tips for parents traveling with kids over the holidays?

A: Pack light; arrive early; bring snacks.

Q: Where is the use of cell phones on planes heading and where do you think it should go?

A: To the extent that there’s going to be air-to-ground communication onboard airplanes by customers, I don’t think it will be cell phones. We’ll have a completely Wi-Fi-enabled fleet over the next few years. There’s (voice over internet). It can be very beneficial if you need to make a phone call. However, if you’re on a 14-hour flight and the guy sitting next to you is arguing with his girlfriend for 3 of those hours, it’s going to be a pretty unpleasant flight. We’ve got to sort that out as a carrier and as an industry.

Q: Do you ever fly in coach?

A: I do. I prefer first class.

Q: Window or aisle?

A: Aisle. I’m working. I get up on the flight deck of every airplane before the flight and I visit with the pilots. I talk to them and answer their questions. Then I work the galleys and talk to flight attendants and answer their questions. Often customers will come up and start talking as well. I kind of hold a little session back there and listen to them.

Q: Are you ever able to be on a flight and just be a guy in a seat?

A: I can’t do that on United because I’m too visible. And I don’t want to—that’s my job. I expect my officers to do the same thing. But on competitors, I’m a passenger, I sit and watch. I just sort of watch things probably more closely than others, and I will occasionally visit with flight decks and ask them how things are going, and just listen.

Q: Do they usually know who you are when you’re talking to them?

A: Generally not, no. And I don’t tell them, either.

Q: Tell us about the first time you started managing somebody. What did you learn?

A: My first experience managing people was really as a lawyer. What I learned was the value of communication: why something was needed, how it fit in the puzzle, what the deadline was, and then, feedback.

Q: Your father was a bomber pilot during World War II. Did he push you toward an aviation career?

A: No. If I were lying on a bench in a psychiatrist’s office, he could tease out from the recesses of my mind why I did this. But no, I never really gave a thought to a career in aviation. I just sort of stumbled into the business as part of a turnaround group. I was interested in it for sort of the business challenge.

Q: What’s the last thing you do before heading home?

A: I try to make it through my e-mails. We fly (millions of) people a year and my e-mail address is in the public domain, and customers write me all the time. I always try to personally answer co-workers, even if it’s: “I don’t know but we’ll figure it out.” I can’t keep up with the volume of customer e-mails. Those I tend to send to our customer care folks. I get interesting e-mails, like a customer that was just outraged that she was in 23B and she wanted to be in 23C and it was marked “Urgent—Fix This Tonight!”

Q: At the end of the day, what are you doing to unwind and relax?

A: If I’m in Chicago, I go back to my lonely-guy apartment, I work out and then I take my microwave dish and eat it. I get my iPad out and I read the newspapers or I read a book. When I’m in Houston, I work out, then I walk my dog and I visit with my wife and I cook—because I can’t cook for one but I can cook for two.

Unifying the flying experience

United and Continental airlines are moving closer to becoming one as they integrate offerings and policies.

Planning your trip

Web access

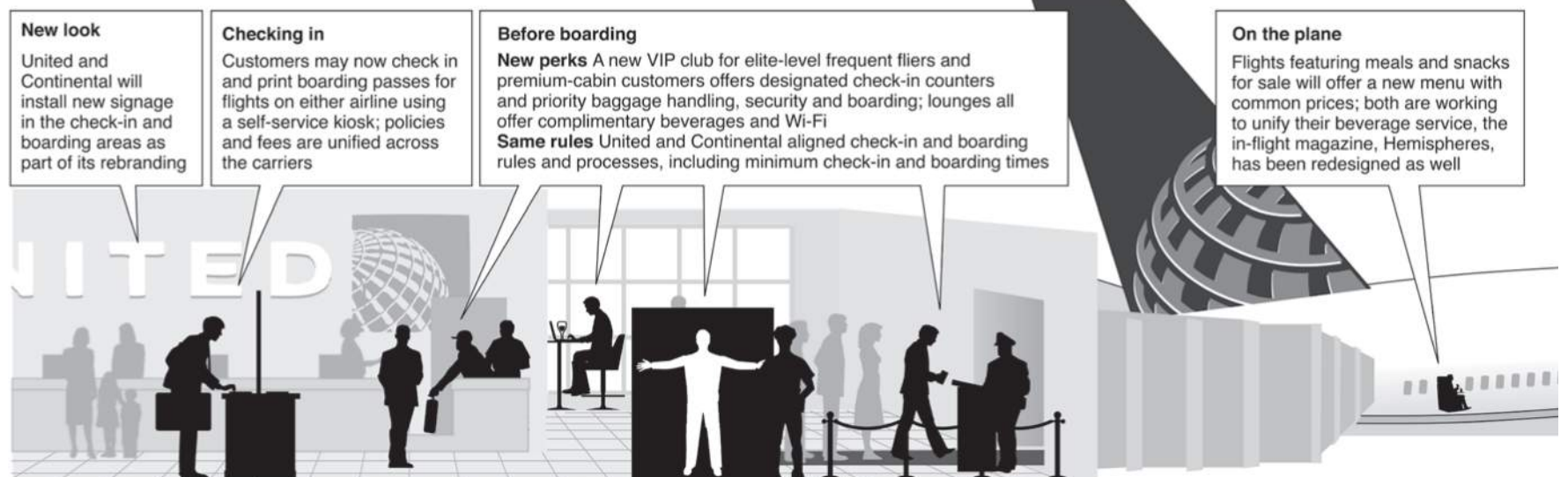
United.com and Continental.com allow customers to shop for flights, obtain seat assignments and check flight status on either website whether traveling on United or Continental

Mileage Plus and OnePass features

Members who have miles in both programs now may link their accounts and combine miles in order to earn awards faster

Calling

Elite members of both programs have priority phone access when calling either airline



Campus Life

Deadline nears for NMI teams to sign up for Design Challenge

The deadline to register for the Real World Design Challenge is this Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, midnight local time.

This competition is open to all public and private schools, all teachers or community members who'd like to coach a team, and any 9-12th grade student in the CNMI.

Every CNMI team that participates in the RWDC gets \$1 million in professional engineering software along with training, curriculum materials, and access to mentors. Teams of 3-7 high school students use these resources to solve an engineering challenge that is currently faced by industry. Students first compete in a state level Governor's Cup. The team with the best design from CNMI, Guam, and American Samoa gets an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete against other states in the national finals in April.

The Real World Design Challenge is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace.

The competition's goal is to sustainably increase the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) workforce. The partners are focused on working within the context of the American educational system to transform STEM education in the United States by providing professional science and engineering and learning resources to students and teachers.

The RWDC began in 2008 through a partnership between industry, government, academia, and non-profit. The partners were committed to bringing a program to schools that brought professional engineering resources into the classroom, was free to participate in, and could scale to every school in the United States. The partners brought together \$263 million in resources and began working with governors to build an infrastructure of states to scale across the United States. The first year, ten states participated.

The Challenges have all been focused on the aerospace industry so far, but as the RWDC grows, we will add other content areas as well. We are constantly looking for new partner organizations, states, and school teams to participate.

More information can be found on www.realworld-designchallenge.org or by contacting the RWDC State level coordinator Jeaniffer Cubangbang at 237-3014 or jeaniffer.cubangbang@cnmipss.org. (PR)

HONOR ROLL

The following are on the honor roll of the Seventh Day Adventist School:

Jin A Choi	PRINCIPAL'S LIST
Sion Kapileo	Ava Deleon Guerrero
Sephson Lakjohn	Manuel Pangelinan
Yurihana Sasamoto	Parker Callier
Sydney Lim	Shaquille Andrei Calub
Ivan Sitchon	Cory Lee
Amari Glover	Christina Selkor
Donaven Deleon Guerrero	Seong Eon Heo
Langting Lao	Harvey Zhang
Michelle Palacios	Quincy Chinen
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Attendance matters

By LEILA STAFFLER
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

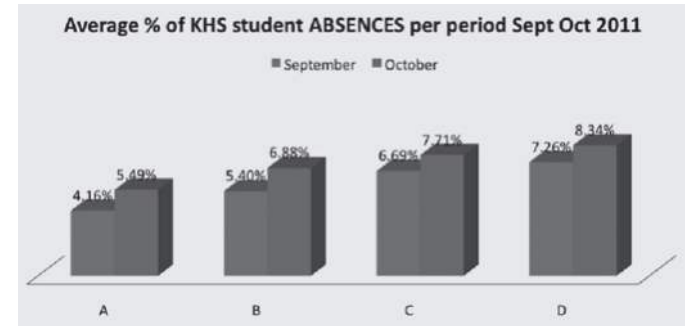
Leila Staffler is a vice principal of Kagman High School.

Kagman High School is committed to providing a safe, challenging environment for students to develop and apply skills and knowledge to become responsible, productive citizens.

Our philosophy is that all students can learn. All students are diverse and learn at different rates and in different learning styles. We believe that every student's foundation is a result of collaboration between student-teacher-parent-community. We believe that all of the principles of character shape the kind of citizens we become in our daily lives. We expect our students to be responsible and be accountable for actively participating in their own learning. And that *all* learning connects students with the real world.

In the real world, attendance matters. Kagman High School keeps track of attendance diligently. Every student who is late or absent is reported to the truant office. The truant officer calls home to inform parents when a student is absent, at every period. Cutting class is not as much of an issue now that we have this period by period update throughout the day.

We recognize a need to educate our stakeholders on this issue because absences and tardiness are on the rise. There is a direct connection between absenteeism and low student performance. When students are absent from class, they are not learning. These absences add up over the course of a school year making it very hard for a student to stay on top of the requirements to pass a class. Students who often fall behind, often fall out of the system. This is something Kagman High School wants to change.



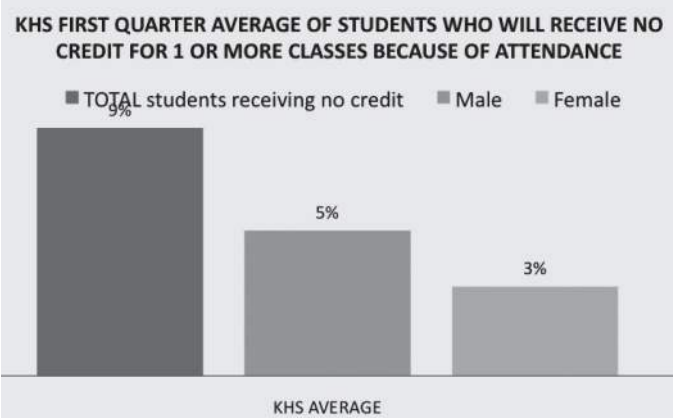
At the beginning of this school year in the month of September, the average amount of absences during the first period (A) was 4.16 percent. This translates to having no less than 28 students absent on average daily. This number grew as the day wore on. By fourth period (D), that number almost doubled to 7.26 percent absent. This told us that an additional 20 students went home between second and fourth period, bringing the total number of students absent in a day to about 48 students. Every day in September, 48 students missed critical instruction time.

This number went up in the month of October. The average rate of absence for the month of October for first period began at 5.49 percent and ended at 8.34 percent by fourth period. Everyday in October, an average of 53 students missed critical instruction time.

Our data also tells us that of those 53 students, about five of them will receive no credit in one or more of their classes due to the BOE policy for block scheduling that having seven unexcused absences will result in no credit for the course.

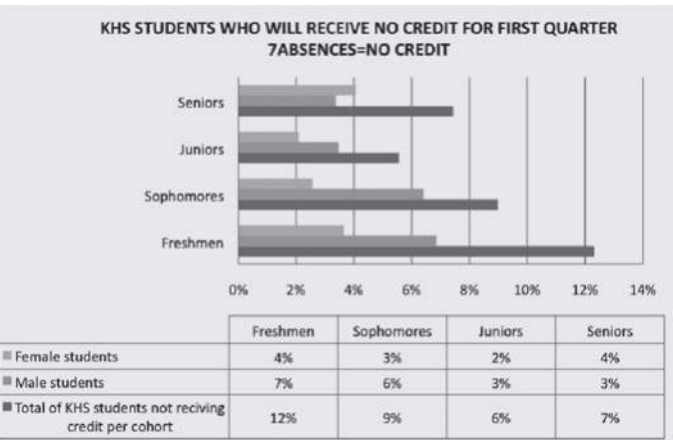
Any time a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call the school and notify them. Parents should also provide an excuse slip for the student to take to the truant office when they return to school so the absence will be excused. Excuse slips must include the parent/guardian name, contact number, and reason for absence. All excuse slips are called and verified.

Board policy also says that if a student has shown a pattern of absenteeism, even if excused, doctor's notes will be required to excuse the absence. We believe that if a student is showing a pattern of absenteeism due to illness, they should see a doctor to protect their health.



Tardiness is also a big issue for Kagman High School. Research tells us that every minute of instruction counts. Late students, who miss the beginning of class, miss critical information and instruction that set the direction and expectations of each lesson. Students, who miss this part of instruction, often have a hard time to catch up with their peers, and sometimes never catch up.

At Kagman High School, first period (A) experienced the most tardies on average, at 2.09 percent for September and 3.26 percent in October. This translates to having 13 students tardy every morning for September, rising to 20 students tardy ev-

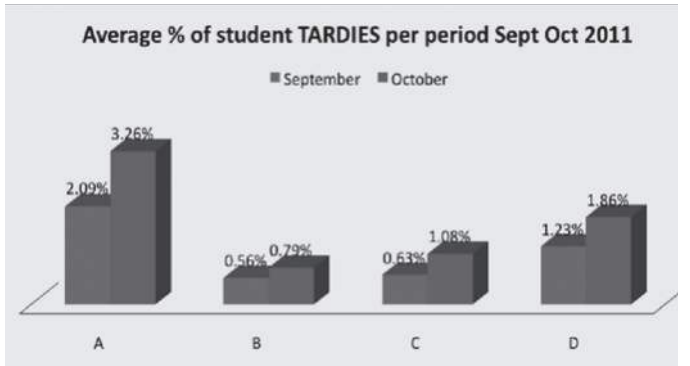


ery morning in October. Second and third period tardiness was under 1 percent on average; however, fourth period (D) sees a rise in tardiness on campus. Fourth period is after lunch. Students have an hour to eat lunch. There is no reason tardiness increases when students are already on the campus. Something must change.

Our data tells us that 20 percent of all students who are tardy are at risk of receiving no credit in one or more classes. So of that daily average of 20 students who are late, four of them will not get credit in one or more of their classes.

The BOE policy indicates that three tardies equal one absence. Students, who have high absenteeism, also show high tendencies for tardiness. This combination puts them at risk for not receiving credit for the classes they are enrolled in. Not receiving credit is just like failing the class. You must take the class again. This pattern *will* delay graduation.

In the first quarter of school, 9 percent of the student population, or 60 students, have already lost credit in one or more classes due to attendance. Our data also tells us that male students are twice as likely to lose credit as female students due to absenteeism and tardiness. Freshmen students are the highest at risk for losing credit. This quarter alone, 26 freshmen *may* not promote due to their attendance, *if* their attendance patterns continue this way. Even more critical are the 7 percent of seniors who *may* not graduate because of their attendance. There are 10 Kagman High School seniors who are at risk of not graduating with their class because they exceeded the board policy in the first quarter of school.



Kagman High School is committed to intervening so these detrimental patterns change. We want all of our students to be successful, and attendance is key. In the real world, being on time is important. If you are late for your job on a regular basis, you may not have that job for very long. If you are late for critical meetings, such as a job interview, you may not be chosen for that position. If you are late or absent for court dates, you might have a bench warrant out for you! Kagman High School believes that reliable attendance is a cornerstone in the foundation of a successful life. We encourage parents to emphasize the importance of attendance with their kids and support Kagman High School's efforts by ensuring *all* students are at school daily and on time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email us at: 237 3840 or kagmanhs@gmail.com.

Life & Style

Giffords praises husband as brave in ABC interview

WASHINGTON (AP)—Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, in her first public interview since she was shot in the head in Tucson last winter, doted on her husband, former astronaut Mark Kelly, and called him “brave, brave, brave” as she kissed his bald head.

Giffords appears on ABC’s “20/20” show Monday night. It’s her first extended interview since the January rampage that killed six people and wounded 13.

A segment that aired on “Good Morning America” shows a thin Giffords with a broad grin as she talks about Kelly. Her husband replied that the word “brave” was the same one that came to his mind when he thinks of her—“brave and tough,” he said. Then Giffords, looking directly at Kelly, responds almost in a whisper: “Tough, tough, tough.”

It wasn’t clear from the clip beyond those few words just how fully recovered Giffords is 10 months after the shooting. Interviewer Diane Sawyer said Giffords discusses her career plans and her recovery, and the segment included some video of Giffords’ progress, from being unable to speak at all, to the point where she was ready to give a television interview.

At one point, Giffords breaks down sobbing while having difficulty relearning to speak and she and her therapist hug. In another clip, she sings into a microphone as part of her speech therapy. And in another she walks holding hands with her husband.



In this undated photo provided by ABC, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and husband Mark Kelly are interviewed by Diane Sawyer on ABC’s 20/20.

The television interview comes as fellow victims of the shooting came to Washington to testify in favor of a gun-control bill. They said that Giffords’ appearance represents a major milestone for them as it helps them cope with the trauma they’ve endured over the past 10 months. About a dozen survivors and family members are in Washington lob-

bying for legislation that would extend criminal background checks to all gun sales and enhance the quality of the FBI’s criminal background checks.

Ken Dorushka, who was shot in the arm as he shielded his wife, says the victims have become like close family members and would watch the broadcast together.

“Any time one of us has a success, it affects all of us and it helps our healing,” Dorushka said.

The Tucson victims described Giffords’ recovery as a miracle. Nancy Bowman, a nurse who was at the scene, said Giffords’ recovery is a testament to her drive and courage.

“I don’t think there’s a single one

of us who saw what happened to her who could possibly have believed that she could survive. I certainly never dreamed I would ever be able to experience Gabby Giffords on TV speaking to the country.”

The survivors said they have not met with Giffords since the shooting. They have suffered as well over the months with the physical and mental wounds from that day.

“Unless you’ve been in a war or something of that nature, you can’t even grasp how terrible it is to hear the screams and the whole thing of people dying around you,” said Mavy Stoddard, whose husband, Dorwan, was killed as he shielded her from gunshots. “It’s been very hard, but I’m continuing as best as I can to help people and that’s what we need to do.”

Patricia Maisch, who helped disarm the gunman, said the group of survivors hopes that Giffords will be able to return to Congress, if that’s what she wants.

“I would love to have her run again, but whatever works for Gabby is what I want for Gabby,” Maisch said.

The survivors and family members spoke with The Associated Press shortly before Giffords’ staff gave them a tour of the Capitol. The group will be visiting offices on Capitol Hill to lobby for the legislation, which they understand is unlikely to pass in the current Congress.

“If you don’t risk, you never win, and we’re not going to let the shooter win,” Stoddard said.

Chelsea Clinton is hired by NBC News

NEW YORK (AP)—Chelsea Clinton began work at NBC News on Monday, the second daughter of a former president at the network. NBC said it had hired the 31-year-old Clinton to work on projects for “NBC Nightly News” and Brian Williams’ news-magazine, “Rock Center.” She will report stories for the feel-good “Making a Difference” series.

The only child of former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is pursuing a doctorate at Oxford and working for



In this Feb. 9, 2011 photo, Chelsea Clinton attends amFAR’s annual New York Gala at Cipriani Wall Street in New York.

the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative.

Former President George W. Bush’s daughter Jenna Bush Hager does stories for the “Today” show.

NBC said Chelsea Clinton wasn’t available for an interview, but issued a statement: “People who imagine and implement solutions to challenges in their own lives, in their communities, in our country and in our world have always inspired me.”

Recent “Making a Difference” stories highlighted a 7-year-old boy raising money for a friend with cancer by racing go-karts, a marathon runner raising money for his mother who suffers from Parkinson’s disease and rock star Bon Jovi opening a restaurant where

people who cannot pay for meals can do volunteer work to earn food.

Besides Clinton and Hager, NBC News also has just hired Meghan McCain, author of “Dirty Sexy Politics” and daughter of 2008 GOP presidential candidate John McCain. She will be an analyst for MSNBC.

NBC News President Steve Capus was not available for an interview, the network said Monday. He told The New York Times that he was approached this summer through an intermediary about Chelsea Clinton and asked her in for a meeting.

“Given her vast experiences, it’s as though Chelsea has been preparing for

this opportunity her entire adult life,” Capus said in a statement Monday.

Star power can be attractive to a news network, although it has pitfalls. ABC News was criticized a decade ago for airing an interview with President Clinton conducted by actor Leonardo DiCaprio. NBC notes that Chelsea Clinton will be reporting features, not breaking news, for the network.

The hiring also raises the question of whether that may give NBC News an edge in getting future stories involving her parents, or at least the appearance of one. Jenna Bush Hager’s father gave his first post-presidency interview to NBC’s Matt Lauer.

Online-only portion added to Liz Taylor auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Christie’s auction house has added a special online-only component to its upcoming Elizabeth Taylor sale that will feature 950 items, with pre-sale estimates ranging from \$100-\$200 for an art deco bracelet to \$10,000 for a white gold and diamond necklace.

Highlights of the online-only auction went on view on the fashion website Moda Operandi on Monday. All items covering four categories—fine jewelry, fashion and accessories, costume jewelry and decorative arts and memorabilia—will be featured on Christie’s website, beginning Friday.

The online sale runs Dec. 3-17.

“The online-only sales provide an additional means for her legions of collectors and fans to participate in the

auctions, no matter where they live,” Marc Porter, chairman and president of Christie’s Americas, said in a statement.

The auction house said it was its first exclusively online-only auction, which will offer continuous bidding during the two-week period. It is not Christie’s first foray into real-time, online bidding, which has been available for all its sales since 2006.

The star of such films as “Cleopatra” and “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” amassed one of the foremost jewelry collections in the world, including a 33.19-carat diamond ring and a 16th century pear-shaped pearl from one of her seven husbands, Richard Burton.

She died in March at age 79.

After registering, potential online

auction bidders can choose from Chanel clip earrings estimated at \$100 to a necklace set with 126 circular-cut diamonds mounted in 18-carat white gold estimate to sell for \$10,000-\$15,000.

The online sale also includes 22 handbags by Dior and Valentino, 500 pieces of fine and costume jewelry and 400 more designer fashion items.

Christie’s Dec. 13-16 live auctions feature over 1,000 items, including the 33.19-carat diamond set in a platinum ring that Burton purchased for Taylor in 1968 for \$305,000. It’s expected to fetch \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million at the Dec. 13 evening sale of her most iconic jewelry pieces.

The auction house said it expects the online-only and live auctions to exceed a total of \$50 million.

LITERARY BRIEFS

Author Achebe turns down Nigeria honor—again

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—The author of internationally acclaimed novel “Things Fall Apart” and other works examining the political failures and corruption of oil-rich Nigeria has again turned down a national honor over the failings of the nation.

Chinua Achebe rejected being honored with the title of Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic, an honorary position awarded to others during a ceremony Monday by President Goodluck Jonathan.

Achebe’s terse letter to Jonathan noted he rejected the award in 2004 and said problems he cited then “have not been addressed, let alone solved.”



Achebe

The rejection by the 80-year-old writer sparked an equally curt response from the presidency, which said Achebe’s decision “clearly flies in the face of the reality of Nigeria’s current political situation.”

Hilary Mantel writing sequel to ‘Wolf Hall’

NEW YORK (AP)—British author Hilary Mantel is writing a sequel to her Man Booker Prize-winning novel “Wolf Hall.”

“Bring Up the Bodies” will be published in the fall of 2012, Henry Holt and Company announced Monday. The book continues the story of Thomas Cromwell, the key adviser and confidant to King Henry VIII.

“Wolf Hall” was an international best-seller and won prizes on the both sides of the Atlantic. It received the Booker in England and a top American honor, the National Book Critics Circle award for fiction.

Charlize Theron talks single life in Vogue

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlize Theron likes being single for the first time in her adult life.

The Oscar winning actress tells the December issue of Vogue magazine this is the “first time” she’s been unattached since she was nineteen. She used to go from one relationship to another—some within a month—saying she found a “comfort zone” being monogamous.

The 36-year-old Theron dated actor Stuart Townsend for nearly 10 years before their breakup in 2010. She says she pulled back on her career as an effort to save the union when the relationship began to go downhill, calling that “the priority” and that she “wouldn’t do it any different way.”

Theron is now ready to work with the romantic comedy “Young Adult” written by Diablo Cody and directed by Jason Reitman. It opens Dec. 16.

The December issue of Vogue magazine goes on sale Nov. 22.

This image provided by Vogue shows the cover of the December 2011 issue of Vogue magazine, featuring actress Charlize Theron.

AP



Meryl Streep unveils poster for ‘Iron Lady’

LONDON (AP)—Meryl Streep is becoming a familiar face in London’s government district—the face of Margaret Thatcher.

The Academy Award winning actress plays Britain’s first female prime minister in the soon-to-be released “The Iron Lady.”

She bears an uncanny resemblance to the Conservative politician on the poster, unveiled Monday with the Big Ben clock tower as a backdrop.

Earlier this year Streep visited Parliament to research the role of

Thatcher, who governed Britain from 1979 to 1990 with pro-free market zeal.

Thatcher’s family has expressed fears the film will be critical, but director Phyllida Lloyd said the script by Abi Morgan (“Sex Traffic,” “Brick Lane”) is not ideological.

Lloyd said that “when they see Meryl’s performance they will understand how much care and attention to Lady Thatcher’s dignity she’s given it.”

“I think Margaret Thatcher was

a superstar in this country and I think we all felt we needed a superstar to play her, somebody of huge intelligence, passion and power and warmth,” said Lloyd, who directed Streep in the Abba musical “Mamma Mia”

Streep, 62, wouldn’t comment when asked what it had been like to play Thatcher, saying audiences would have to “wait until January” to find out.

“The Iron Lady” is scheduled for release in North America from Dec. 30 and in Britain on Jan. 6.

Justin Timberlake attends Va. Marine Corps Ball

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Justin Timberlake followed through on a promise to take a Marine to her unit’s annual ball.

The singer and actor posted a photo along with a letter on his website Sunday that the Marine Corps Ball in Richmond, Va., was “one of the most moving evenings I’ve ever had.”

Cpl. Kelsey De Santis had invited Timberlake through a YouTube video to Saturday night’s event and Timberlake accepted. WTVR-TV reports Timberlake wore a tuxedo to the ball at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Timberlake’s “Friends With



In this Nov. 12, 2011 photo provided by Marine Corps Base Quantico Public Affairs, Cpl. Kelsey De Santis and her date Justin Timberlake applaud guest speaker retired Sgt. Maj. Ralph Larsen at the Instructor Battalion Marine Corps Ball in Richmond, Va.

Benefits” co-star, Mila Kunis, earlier this year accepted a similar in-

itation to a Marine Corps Ball in Greenville, N.C.

night club.

Diamond to perform on SD float at Macy’s parade

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP)—Singer and songwriter Neil Diamond is to perform on South Dakota’s float in this year’s Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Diamond is known for his songs that have become anthems at ballparks and bars. The Grammy award winner was inducted into the Rock and

Lawsuit: LaBelle threw water at tot in NYC lobby

NEW YORK (AP)—R&B diva Patti LaBelle hurled curses—and half a bottle of water—at a woman and her 18-month-old daughter after a dust-up over parenting in an apartment building lobby, according to a lawsuit filed Monday and the family’s lawyer.

LaBelle’s publicists and lawyer didn’t immediately respond to Kevin and Roseanna Monk’s lawsuit.

The couple live in a Manhattan building where the Grammy Award-winning singer stayed for a time while appearing in the Broadway musical “Fela!” last fall, said the Monks’ lawyer, Samuel L. Davis.

He said LaBelle chastised Roseanna Monk for letting the toddler take some steps away from the mother as she grappled with some luggage and a car seat in the building’s lobby on the afternoon of Nov. 11, 2010. After Monk scooped up the child and told LaBelle it was none of her business, the singer threw water on them from a bottle she was carrying and then launched into an obscenity-filled tirade, he said.

When the child started wailing, Roseanna Monk made a remark to LaBelle, and the singer charged at her and tried to hit her, Davis said.

The Monks filed a complaint with police; no arrests were made.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, comes five months after a West Point cadet sued LaBelle over a Houston airport scuffle with her bodyguards. He said they attacked him for no reason in March 2010. She countersued the cadet, saying he tried to get into her limousine and was drunk and using racial slurs, which he denied.

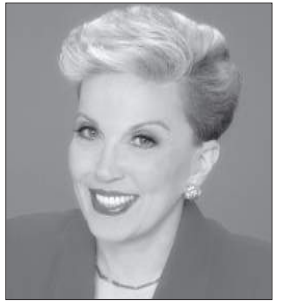
Davis said Roseanna Monk had asked LaBelle for an apology and a donation to a children’s cancer charity but was rebuffed. The Monks feel “someone’s got to teach her even a diva can’t attack and frighten and assault regular people in the building,” their lawyer said.

LaBelle’s singing career has spanned more than four decades, two Grammys and several hits, including the 1974 disco smash “Lady Marmalade.”

Roll Hall of Fame this year and is among the artists to be honored next month at the Kennedy Center Honors. The South Dakota Department of Tourism’s “Mount Rushmore’s American Pride” float will feature Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Black Hills National Forest and Badlands National Park in an effort to drive more visitors to the state. KOTA-TV reports that the float is only the second state float to be accepted into the famous parade.

Formal complaint is lodged against informal salutations

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Whenever I receive a business communication from someone unknown to me with my first name in the salutation, as in “Dear Robert,” it immediately goes into the trash.

Being addressed by my first name in this context is just plain wrong. Since I don’t know the person who is sending the correspondence, I find the informal tone to be highly improper.

Please remind your readers—particularly those in business—about your booklet on correspondence and communication, “How to Write Letters for All Occasions.”

I have been accused of being “old school.” However, there are rules and guidelines governing written communication, and it seems as though they are being ignored. Would you please inform people about the proper way to write? And is your “Letters” booklet still available?

CALL ME “MISTER C.,” SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR MISTER C.: I hope that by the time this email sees print, you will have cooled off. The communications that offend you probably were sent as part of a mass mailing generated by a computer. If that isn’t the case, then the individuals who drafted them may not have realized that in business correspondence, the salutation should read:

Dear Ms. Smith

Dear Mr. Carson

The “Letters” booklet is still available and covers additional salutations that are helpful to know, including how to address a senator or congressman, a clergyperson, etc. “How to Write Letters for All Occasions” can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby—Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. My booklet also contains helpful suggestions for writing letters of congratulations; difficult topics to address such as letters of condolence for the loss of a parent, spouse or child; and thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts, wedding gifts and those that arrive at holiday time. (A tip: Keep a notepad handy and write down what immediately comes to mind when the gift is opened. This can be helpful if later you are at a loss for words!)

Judging from the high volume of email and snail mail I receive, letter composition is something that is not always effectively taught in school. My booklet can provide a helpful assist for anyone who needs a quick and easy tutorial, and it is particularly helpful for parents to use as a way to easily teach their children how to write using proper etiquette. Keep it in a drawer and dip into it as needed.

DEAR ABBY: I am 8 years old. At the bottom of a letter, sometimes people write XOXO. Which one means hug and which one means kiss?

ANNA IN MISSOURI

DEAR ANNA: The “X” means kiss and the “O” signifies a hug.

P.S. Some people write “SWAK” on the flap of the envelope, which stands for “sealed with a kiss.”

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Reality star JWOWW says TSA singled her out

FARGO, N.D. (AP)—Reality television star JWOWW says on her official Twitter account that she was “treated like a criminal” when airport security officers singled her out for a pat down in North Dakota. Jenni Farley of MTV’s “Jersey Shore” says in multiple tweets that her selection while boarding seemed “odd and deliberate.” She says she earlier noticed a Transportation Security

Administration officer pointing at her while she was getting coffee at Fargo’s Hector International Airport. Farley says she travels twice a week and never went through that before. A message left with a TSA spokeswoman was not immediately returned. Messages seeking comment from Farley through her publicist were not immediately returned. Farley was leaving the North Dakota city after a Saturday night appearance at The Hub, a Fargo

CLASSIFIED ADS



WESTERN SALES TRADING COMPANY has openings for:

One (1) Sales Manager
Minimum qualifications: Associates degree and two years experience as sales manager or marketing manager for wholesale company with a minimum of 550 sales items and able to read, write and speak Japanese sufficiently to negotiate contracts and communicate with Japanese speaking customers. Able to read, write and speak Japanese sufficiently and negotiate sales contracts in Japanese.
Duties: Works with corporate officers in planning, formulating and establishing a business plan, and sales strategy to attain company's sales goals and objectives. Manages and directs activities of sales personnel and ensures that company's sales techniques and price guidelines are being followed. Establishes and maintains business relationships with customers and negotiates sales contracts. Resolves any customer concerns or complaints regarding sales and service. Maintains records of all sales activities; monitors customer preferences to determine focus of sales efforts; and analyses pricing points and volume in order to make necessary modifications in sales strategy to improve wholesale sales and keep the company competitive. Plans and directs promotional activities and opportunities for expansion of company's product lines and market areas.

One (1) Bookkeeper
Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in Accounting (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent), two years experience as bookkeeper or accountant for wholesale company and working knowledge of QuickBooks software.
Duties: Records company's wholesale business transactions and retains all accounting records. Posts, verifies and reconciles accounts payables, accounts receivables, expenses, payroll, and other ledger accounts. Prepares preliminary financial reports by collecting, analyzing, and summarizing account information. Prepares payroll and payroll taxes and distributions to government. Prepares gross receipts tax returns. Documents business transactions and verifies purchase orders and other financial transactions in order to substantiate the transactions prior to settlement. Maintains and reconciles bank accounts.

Two (2) Sales Representatives
Minimum qualifications: Associates degree (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent).
Duties: Sells company's merchandise to retail stores and outlets. Meets with customers in order to explain and promote the quality and competitive costing of the company's products. Quotes prices and credit terms for purchase of company's products. Prepares sales slips or sales contracts and may collect payment from customers. Ensures that customers' orders are properly filled. Arranges for delivery of products to customers.

One (1) Sales / Delivery Person
Minimum qualifications: Three months experience as a sales/delivery person or cashier.
Duties: Sells and delivers company's merchandise to retail stores and outlets. Informs regular customers of new products or price changes. Writes customer orders and sales contracts according to company guidelines. Collects money from customers, make change, and record transactions on customer receipts. Listens to and resolves customers' complaints regarding products. Records sales and delivery information on daily sales or delivery record. May call on prospective customers to explain company products or to solicit new business.

One (1) Sales/Delivery Driver
Duties: Sells and delivers company's merchandise to retail stores and outlets. May be required to work night shift. Writes customer orders and sales contracts according to company guidelines. Collects money from customers, make change, and records transactions on customer receipts. Records sales and delivery information on daily sales or delivery record. Listens to and resolves customers' complaints regarding products.


One (1) Graphic Artist
Minimum qualifications: Four years experience as a graphic artist for wholesale company with a minimum of 550 sales items.
Duties: Designs and creates visual products to meet company's promotional needs, including designing and creating promotional displays and marketing brochures, signs and signage systems, packaging, menus, and other visual products. Formulates visual marketing campaign and overall design concepts for company to reach target markets. Applies critical thinking and problem solving analysis to various design concepts and approaches that can be utilized to attain the desired effect on the target market. Creates innovative design solutions utilizing knowledge of graphic design theory and methodologies in conjunction with current cultural trends, market demographics, cultural preferences, and seasonal shifts to achieve optimum market response. Produces and coordinates the execution of mock-up and final graphic design and artwork for the visual products.

One (1) Building Maintenance Repairer
Minimum qualifications:Two years experience as building maintenance repairer.
Duties: Repairs and maintains the building structures and equipment of the company's commercial and industrial premises, including such duties as pipe fitting, insulating, welding, machining, carpentry; repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing; aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings. Performs routine preventive maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, or the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate. Inspects, operates, or tests machinery or equipment to diagnose machine malfunctions. Assembles, installs, or repairs wiring, electrical or electronic components, pipe systems, plumbing, machinery, or equipment. Repairs or replaces defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools, and reassembles equipment. Records type and cost of maintenance or repair work.

One (1) Building Custodian
Minimum qualifications:Three months experience as building custodian or maintenance worker.
Duties: Keeps buildings and business premises in clean and orderly condition. Performs cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish from inside and outside of business premises. Performs routine maintenance activities and notifies management of need for repairs. Requisition supplies or equipment needed for cleaning and maintenance duties.

If interested, send resume to Western Sales Trading Company by email to wstcospn@pticom.com or by fax at 670-322-9408. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within three days of hire.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 02-2011

Opening date: November 16, 2011 Closing date: November 30, 2011

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancies:

(1) Procurement Officer (Saipan)
(1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Rota)
(1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Rota)
(1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Tinian)

(1) Tariff Technician-I (Port of Saipan)
(1) Custodial/Maintenance-I (Rota)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. For Rota vacancy, applications may be picked up at the CPA's Administration Office of the Rota International Airport; and for Tinian's vacancy, applications may be picked up at CPA's Administration Office of the Tinian International Airport; or it may be downloaded by visiting CPA's website at www.cpa.gov.mp. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. The deadline for submission of applications is no later than **4:30 p.m., November 30, 2011**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing, or may be downloaded by visiting CPA's website at www.cpa.gov.mp. For more information, please contact Ms. Addy C. Manahane by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

****All ARFF/Ports Police Trainee applicants must undergo a physical fitness test.**

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Grounds Maintenance Worker (1 Position) – High School Graduate with 5 Years Experience in Grounds Maintenance to include working with various machinery such as Lawnmower & Bushcutter, plus other the Gardening tools such as machete, tree saw, scissor trimmer. Must also have knowledge and experience in plant maintenance, care, and cultivation. Other duties may include some general commercial cleaning plus light carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work as assigned. Must be reliable, dependable, good character & trustworthy. Must have valid CNMI Driver's License. Minimum Wage, No Benefits, Work Holidays and weekends as required. Must be Flexible. Police Clearance Required.

Building Maintenance Repairer (3 Positions) – High School Graduate with 5 Years Work Experience as Building Maintenance Repairer to include working with various work tools and machinery necessary for all kinds of building repairs. Must have general knowledge and experience in carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work. Must be reliable and dependable. Have valid CNMI Driver's License Preferred. Must be reliable, dependable, good character, and trustworthy. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

Commercial Cleaner (1 Position) – High School Graduate with 5 years experience in Commercial Cleaning. Must be able to maintain floors (Mop, sweep, vacuum), maintain restrooms (Clean and Deodorize), maintain office spaces, collect and dispose of trash, clean windows plus other related duties as assigned. Must be reliable and dependable. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

Houseworker (3 Positions) – High School Graduate with 5 Years Experience. Must be well rounded in household duties such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, ironing, & care giving. Duties would be inclusive of cleaning & deodorizing restrooms, cleaning windows, maintaining floors, collecting & disposing of trash. Must be reliable, dependable, good character, and trustworthy. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

Administrative Assistant (1 Position) – High School Graduate. College Degree preferred. With 5 years work experience. Duties to include Bookkeeping work, Maintaining Petty Cash Accounts, Receive Cash & Prepare Receipts, Prepare Deposits, Renew Various Licenses and Permits, Maintain Administrative and Business Files, Compile & Prepare BGR Tax Returns, Compile & Prepare Employee Qtrly WH Tax Returns plus Federal 941SS Tax Returns, Prepare Lease Agreements, Prepare Business Correspondence plus other related duties. Must have knowledge and experience with Peachtree Accounting Software. Must have good people skills in addressing customers, clients, & tenants courteously. Must be reliable, dependable, good character, and trustworthy. Minimum Wage to \$7.50 per hour commensurate with experience. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

Please submit resume or job history along with your contact information to Sablan Enterprises, Inc Corporate Office located on the 2nd Floor of Sablan Building Chalan Piao above Subway. Call 234-2585 for more Information.

FOR SALE




09 Toyota Corolla, Mil. 32,500. Excellent Condition. Price \$11,200. Pls Call 287-7676.

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Condominium for Rent. Anaks Oceanview Resort. 2 brm, 1 bath. Fully furnished. Contact 287-0396.

EMPLOYMENT



Air-conditioning). Must be a college graduate with 10 yrs experience in the field of electricity and in refrigeration and air-conditioning system. Skilled and knowledgeable in electrical plan and design. Registered Master Electrician required and certified in refrigeration and air-conditioning—Universal License. Applicants must mail resume with valid identifications, police clearance and previous employment certification to GOLDEN EAGLE CORPORATION PMB 326 PPP BOX 10000 SAIPAN, MP 96950.

EMPLOYMENT



\$5.05/hr. Please fax resume to 235-7742.

Saipan Hwa Rang Corporation is looking for (1) General Manager – 5 yrs. experience in Hotel and Construction business. Preferably Japanese, Korean and English speaking. (3) Bldg. Maintenance Repairer – at least 2 years experience, willing to work flexible hours and night time. Interested applicants, please call 287-4488 from 11:00am–4:00pm.

(1) Butcher: \$5.05/hr. High School graduated. At least three years of experience required. Email resume to dolim@hanmisaipan.com.

(1) Maintenance and repair Worker, General: \$5.05/hr. Email resume to mikes@hanmisaipan.com.

(1) Store clerk: \$5.05/hr., (1) Sales Supervisor: \$5.05/hr. Email resume to kl@hanmisaipan.com.

(1) Security Guard: \$5.05/hr. At least 3 years' experience as hotel security guard required. Email resume to changshin@hanmisaipan.com.

(2) Auto Repairer: \$5.05/hr. At least three years of experience required. Email resume to wons@hanmisaipan.com.

(1) Steel Welder and (1) Commercial Cleaner. With 3 years experience. Minimum wage. Must be able to work flexible hours. Email resume to spicspn@yahoo.com no later than Nov. 19, 2011. South Pacific Lumber Co.

YokYung Corporation is looking for (1) General Manager, (1) Bldg. Maintenance Repairer. Preferable Korean speaking. Minimum wage. Please fax resume to 235-7742. Attention: YokYung Corporation.

Rising Star, LLC is looking for (1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary-

(1) General Maintenance Mechanic—at least 2 years experience in Scuba Diving business. Fax resume to Crow's Nests Corporation at 235-7742.

(1) Bookkeeper at least 2 years work experience. \$ 5.05/hr. Qualified US Workers may fax resume to 235-2231. Island Essence Inc.

(1) Grounds Maintenance Worker at least 3 years work experience. \$ 5.05/hr. Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950.

CAD Operator. 5 yrs exp in Public Utilities (water & wastewater) design. ACAD v2012. Send resume to PO Box 5339

3 Managers Wholesale/Retail w/ 3 yrs experience Pls contact Stacy at 2879288 LW Corporation.

(1) Store Manager. Experience in importing musical instruments and commercial goods preferred. Myong Run Corp. 323-2468.

Farmer – 1 year experience \$ 5.05/hr. Send resume to P.O. Box 501555 C.K. Saipan MP 96950

(3) Child Caregiver \$5.05/hr. minimum two years experience in handling kids and CPR Certified. Fax resume to 233-6828.

FOR SALE

San Vicente—Eastern side, 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 storey, ocean view, 1200 sq. ft, 800 sq. mtr. lot, 50yrs remaining - \$100K



SOLD



Opportunity knocks... BEST OFFER

Capitol Hill across Department of Commerce, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 800 sq. ft lot +commercial building. New lease \$130K

Please call Tim at 483-9351 or email mmtp15@mail.ru

Job Vacancy Announcement - Smithbridge Guam Inc.

(1) Assistant / Quality Control Welding Inspector
Salary: \$25,000 - \$30,000 per annum

Experience: Minimum of 10 years of Inspection Work; College degree a plus
Skills and Qualification: Certified Welding Inspector or equivalent, Knowledge in ASME IX, other ASME code, ANSI, ASTM, WPS, NDT, Heat Treatment, PWHT, Read and Interpret Welding Symbols and Drawings, Perform ITP and MS for welding. Computer Literate. Able to manage Welding Matrix and Documentation.
Other Duties: Knowledge in Piping Inspection and Piping Fit-up and Installation Woks. Flexible to work other discipline as required by the company.

Appointment for Interviews please call: Mr. Graeme Ridley - 01671-8886178
Email: graemeridley@smithbridge.com.gu

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2N Enterprises – Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) Electrician, Salary: \$5.05/hr, installation and repair of wiring, lighting fixtures, power distribution equipment, devices, power systems, controls and relays, Plans layout, installation and service of electrical equipment, raceways and conductors, Measures, cuts, bends and threads and installs all types of electrical conduit using hand, mechanical and hydraulic benders, Blueprint reading and interpretation capabilities required, Plans new and modified installations to minimize waste of material and to maximize performance of systems.

Interested applicants may send resume to
PO Box 503350 Saipan, MP 96950

Frank's Retail Clothing
Job Vacancy Announcement
(1) Seamstress
Salary: \$5.05/hr. 5 years work related experience. Must be able to operate factory type heavy duty sewing machines. Must be able to create or use clothing patterns and do cutting and sewing of garment materials.

Interested individuals may call 323-8248, ask for Frank.

IVERTECH SOLUTIONS, LLC.
Job Vacancy Announcement
IT MANAGER - with 5 years of work experience
ART DIRECTOR - with 5 years of work experience
ACCOUNTANT - with 5 years of work experience

dba. Saipan Tuna.com
COOK - with 5 years of work experience

Interested qualified US workers can email their resume to ivertechsolutions@gmail.com

Pacific Taxi Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement
15 – Taxi Drivers. Salary Rate: \$5.05/hr and \$1.50 per trip. Must have at least 1 year of taxi driving experience in the CNMI. Must be a holder of a valid CNMI Driver's License, CNMI Taxi Driver's License, and a CNMI Taxi Bureau Identification Card. Current Police Clearance, Traffic Clearance and Traffic History. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants may send resume to
P.O. Box 10003 PMB 461, Saipan, MP 96950
or call 285-4359/287-8294
Please send your resume no later than Nov. 21, 2011

Job Vacancy Announcement
BAKER
Knowledge in baking bread, pies, tarts, cookies, cakes, and cupcakes and making chilled desserts. Knowledge in Fondant making, cake and cupcake designing is a must. Must be creative and have a good eye for detail. Must be able to work flexible hours. High school graduate with 2-3 years experience. Salary \$ 5.05/hr.

Email your resume at pieceofcake670@gmail.com

(1) General Maintenance. High School or College graduate w/basic knowledge in computer for monthly reporting. Minimum of 2-3 yrs experience. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License & flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting and maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Please mail resume to Skill Int'l Corp, P.O. Box 502618 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

Sumy, Incorporated is now hiring
(1) General Manager, 5 yrs. Experience in Commercial Space Rental business. Can speak both English and Korean. Interested party shall submit resume with the police clearance and the recommendation letter from previous employer to SUMY, Incorporated or fax to 235-0697.

No Phone Calls Please.

WJC MART
Job Vacancy Announcement
1 – Fisherman
2 years experience in trolling, diving, and bottom fishing. Interested applicants may submit their resume to P.O. Box 503742 Saipan, MP 96950

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BAIYAN HUANG, Petitioner	FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0504
versus	
ALEXANDER SABLAN Respondent	SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.
YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.
If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.
By order of the above Court:

Dated this 21st day of October, 2011.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

General Construction/Maintenance Worker (4):
Able to perform carpentry, painting, masonry, plumbing, sheet metal and welding works. Skill in using power and measuring tools. Identify and specify the right materials. Can read and interpret construction plans and drawings. Minimum of 3 years experience.

Submit application not later than November 22, 2011 at ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 503360, Saipan MP 96950 or email at asiapac@pticom.com, or call 235-5454

Gentle Care Home Health
Registered Nurse (1) BSN – US Lic is required NCLEX, IELTS 6.5 if foreign graduate. Psychiatric and or Substance Abuse background to help promote healthy lifestyle changes. 1 ½ to 2yrs experience in Home Health & has handled 40-50 Px. Computer literate.

Physical Therapist (2) - BS graduate 2 years experience, US license.

Submit resume to Gentle Care, Beach Road (beside Rainbow Color) or email at gentlecaresaipan@gmail.com or at P.O. Box 503795, CK Saipan MP 96950.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Musician
Salary dependant on experience. Able to perform music in English as well as Japanese/Korean/Russian. Minimum 2 years experience; Need to be able to play and/or sing a variety of music genres. Must be able to perform on an individual, duo and trio basis. Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays. Subject to audition. Apply at Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Position closes 5pm on 11/21/11.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of Dive Instructor position with wages rate of \$5.05 per hour.

Job Requirements:

- hold rating no lower as Certified NAUI Diving Instructor;
- experience in Scuba Diving Instructing at list 5 years;
- to have no less as 1000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- to be familiar with air compressor machinery and have experience in running such machinery;
- to have knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- computer skills, including video editing software;
- to know scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- communication skills;
- language skills: English confident;
- Applicant must be legal to work in C.N.M.I.;

Inquires and resume submission via fax 234 6286.

Choi Corporation
dba: Korea Hardware
is now hiring

1 – Assistant Manager
1 – Building Electrician
1 – Material Coordinator
2 – Sales Representative with 5-10 yrs. experience in hardware store. Can speak both English and Korean.

1 – Accountant/ Bookkeeper with 10 yrs. experience in hardware store.

1 – Commercial Cleaner with previous experience.

Interested party shall submit their resume with the police clearance and the recommendation letter from previous employer to Korea Hardware or fax to 235-0697.

No Phone Calls Please.

Wanted – Commercial cleaner for diving business on Rota. Five years experience, high school diploma, 2 letters of recommendation from former employers and police clearance required. Minimum salary. Call 532-3423 for interview.

Job Vacancy Announcement
(3) Beauticians

Transfer acceptable. Salary is negotiable.

Hairspectations Salon
Call 670-287-6365

Job Vacancy Announcement
Sasha Co., Ltd. is announcing a vacancy of
(1) General Manager

Job requirements: Bachelor Degree; Knowledge of the Russian tourism market; Knowledge of tour company operations; Knowledge of local hospitality industry and land operations; Professional Knowledge and skills in scuba diving; Language skills – Russian-fluent oral and written, English-confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher); Computer skills (Microsoft Word and Excel, Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism and scuba diving industry; Licenses: driving is a must, scuba diving rating no lower than Course Director; Must be legal to work in the C.N.M.I.

For inquires and resume submission, via fax to 234-6286.

TOP DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accountant – At least 7-10 years work experience in general accounting. Must have Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree and QuickBooks accounting software.

Salary: \$9.62-\$11.50 per hour.

Interested Qualified US Workers may submit resume to tdi@pticom.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ACCOUNTANT (1) – Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a minimum of 5 years work related experience, proficient in MS Word, Excel, Peachtree and QuickBooks, knowledge of General Accounting and aviation industry, maintain book of accounts, knows how to prepare Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation, Bookkeeping, Year End Reports, Revenue requirements, Accounts receivables and payables, payroll, withholding tax, FICA, BGRT, excise tax and other work assigned; drop and pick up of customers, booking of charter flights, medical evacuation preparation and directly report to the President. Rate: \$5.05 to \$ 7.50/hr.

GENERAL MECHANIC (1) – Minimum of 5 years professional experience as general mechanic, repairs and maintains physical structures of the facility, repairs of vehicles, office machines and equipments, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, air condition, and all other equipments of the company. Rate: \$5.05 to \$ 7.50/hr.

Interested applicants can mail their resume at P.O. Box 7688 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950 or may email to saipan@americopters.com. No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
(2) Commercial Cleaners
with previous experience
Interested individuals should submit their resume with Police Clearance & recommendation letter from previous employers to RLC&M@gmail.com or call 483-6903.

JAGUAR LIMITED
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) ASSISTANT MANAGER
Has 4 year- Degree Course preferably Accounting Graduate. At least 8-10 years work experience. Perform Accounting works in an office and knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting software, MS office, PowerPoint. Perform clerical job, Bookkeeping and administrative works. Responsible in managing employee schedules, and analyze profit and loss statement of the operation. Willing to work full time with flexible working hours. Salary: \$5.05/hour.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESUME to PMB 697 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 or contact our Office at Tel. (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM – 9:00PM

Job Vacancy Announcement
Tour company Sasha Co., Ltd. DBA Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 3 positions of Tour Manager with salary \$1,200.00 per month.

Job requirements:

- Knowledge of the Russian tourism market;
- Knowledge of tour company operations;
- Knowledge of local hospitality industry and land operations;
- Language skills:
 - Russian – fluent oral and written;
 - English – confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher);
- Communication skills;
- Computer skills (Microsoft Word and Excel are must, Adobe Photoshop very helpful);
- 5 years experience in tourism industry and scuba diving industry;
- Licenses: driving is the must; scuba diving - Diver NAUI or PADI or higher;
- Applicant must be legal to work in C.N.M.I.;

Inquires and resume submission via fax 234 6286.

JVA Announcement for APHI dba Century Hotel

Position: (1) Waitress

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel, Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Willing to work flexible work schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Duties include serving food and drinks and also preparing mixed drinks for patrons. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than November 21, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persona with Disabilities are urged to apply.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION : BID/CONTRACTS SPECIALIST (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent Work Related ExperienceMinimum of three years experience in contracts administrationBackground in/Knowledge of government contracts process and negotiation preferredExcellent interpersonal skills as well as excellent oral and written communication skills are requiredMust be proficient in DDMS Software with intermediate/advanced skills in word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications.Must have a valid CNMI driver's license	POSITION : ACCOUNTANT (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bachelor's Degree in AccountingMinimum five years work-related experience in general accounting in the retail industryMust be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reportsMust be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returnsMust know CNMI & Federal tax rulesMust be proficient in MS Word and Excel, Peach Tree Accounting and DDMS SoftwareMust have a valid CNMI Driver's License
POSITION : GOVERNMENT SALES ACCOUNT MANAGER (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum of 10 year business experience including 5 years sales experience in the government sector with a demonstrated record of successAbility to manage a pipeline of 50+ accounts at any given timeExperience with and demonstrated proficiency with MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel) and DDMS SoftwareManage and monitor the MRO purchases of customersMust have a valid CNMI driver's license	POSITION : INVENTORY CONTROL SPECIALIST (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">3-5 years experience in related fieldWorking knowledge of inventory practicesCost accounting backgroundProficient with PC; software to include: word, excel and DDMSAbility to write routine reports and correspondenceDetail oriented and well organizedMust be flexible to work weekends and holidaysMust have a valid CNMI driver's license
POSITION : CREDIT ANALYST (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Associates Degree in Business/Related Discipline or Equivalent Work Related ExperienceA minimum of five years experience in a credit/collections environmentProficiency in MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher) and DDMS SoftwareStrong ability to communicate both orally and in writingAbility to be flexible with position duties and scope of workMust have a valid CNMI driver's license	POSITION : ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (1) QUALIFICATIONS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Associate's DegreeMinimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a retail company.Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing and invoicing.Check documentation to comply with Gov't/Custom Regulatory requirements on imports.Must be proficient in MS Excel and Peach Tree Accounting Software.Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license

Applications can be obtained at and submitted to National Office Supply on Beach Road, South Garapan. A copy of valid police and court clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Background checks will be required prior to employment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification & experience. All positions close on November 19, 2011.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) COOKS
Must have a minimum experience of 3 months
At least High School Graduate
Willing to work at 4:00 in the morning
Know how to drive but not a must

Applicants must call 789-9151 to schedule for an interview by Fely P. Forbes dba Lydia's Kitchen.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

One (1) Sales Engineer
Salary \$1,200.00 – 2000.00 Monthly

- Sales HVAC/R Mechanical, Electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepare estimates on equipment, parts, supplies, or services as needed
- Knowledge on building management system, experience with turbocor compressor and control a plus
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications and prepare shop drawing

POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. Application can be obtained and submitted at JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.'S OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: jwssaipan@pticom.com or tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing a vacancy of
(1) Dive Shop Manager with wages of \$1,120.00 per month.

Job requirements: Hold rating no lower as Certified NAUI Diving Instructor; experience in Scuba Diving instructing at least 5 years; Must have no less than 1,000 registered dives; knowledge of scuba diving gear, maintenance and repair; familiarity with air compressor machinery and have experience in running such machinery; knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming; computer skills, including video editing software; knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop; Language skills – Russian (oral and written fluent).

For inquires and resume submission, fax to 234-6286.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION : SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- Bachelor's Degree preferred / High School diploma required
- Minimum of 2 years experience in retail sales of office and school products
- Good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and DDMS Software
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Must be flexible to work specific schedules, weekends, holidays and overtime as necessary
- Ability to calculate figures & accounts such as discounts, mark-up, percentages, etc.

POSITION : OFFICE MACHINE SERVICER (2)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- Associate Degree in Electronics / Mechanical or Broad Specialized Training Equivalent to 2 Years Related to Electronics or Mechanical or Electro-Mechanical
- 2-3 years experience with repairing and maintaining different ranges of office equipment / machines
- PC Application proficiency and or Networking fundamentals
- Knowledge of digital copiers, MPFs, fax machines, time recorders, cash registers, shredders, printers, typewriters and binding machines
- Must have good verbal and written communication skills
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

POSITION : OFFICE FURNITURE ASSEMBLER (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- 1-2 years of assembly, installation and delivery experience in a retail environment
- Proficient with basic furniture assembly & installation hand tools (power drill, power screw drivers, power saw, ratchets, wrenches etc.)
- Must be able to read, understand and follow product assembly and installation instructions of each manufacturer's product line
- Ability to perform work assignments with little or no supervision
- Must be flexible to work nights, weekends, holidays, overtime and off-island as necessary
- Must be able to work in various positions, including, but not limited to, stooping, standing, bending over, sitting, kneeling and squatting for extended periods of time
- Job will regularly require lifting of 25-80 lbs and moving of large objects
- Must regularly operate warehouse equipment such as sit-down & stand-up fork lift, pallet jack, hand truck / dolly type equipment
- Must regularly drive a delivery truck
- Ability to be D.O.T. Certified and physically qualified to drive by passing a D.O.T. physical
- Must have a valid forklift operator certificate
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

POSITION : WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- Bachelor's Degree preferred / High School diploma required
- 2-3 years of successful management experience in distribution / warehouse operation of 5 or more employees
- Must have a good math, reading and writing skills
- Must have experience with bar-coded inventory management system
- Must be computer literate
- Must have good working knowledge of DDMS Software
- Must be able to lift 75 lbs on a regular and consistent basis
- Prior experience operating warehouse equipment such as forklift, pallet jack, hand truck / dolly type equipment
- Must regularly drive a delivery truck
- Ability to be D.O.T. Certified and physically qualified to drive by passing a D.O.T. physical
- Must have a valid forklift operator certificate
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

POSITION : WAREHOUSE WORKER (2)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- High School diploma required / equivalent work related experience
- At least 2 years of warehouse experience, shipping / receiving, order picking and packing duties
- Must have experience with bar-coded inventory management system
- Must be computer literate and able to perform basic function and look up inventory
- Must have good working knowledge of DDMS software
- Must have prior experience operating warehouse equipment such as forklift, pallet jack, hand truck / dolly type equipment
- Must be able to lift and move 25-50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs. occasionally
- Must be able to stand for duration of the job
- Must have a valid forklift operator certificate
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

POSITION : BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- At least 5 years experience in maintenance and construction related trades
- Capability to repair all types of problems in masonry construction
- Highly skilled in waterproofing and protection techniques used to control deterioration of structures
- Waterproof and damp proof walls and other building surfaces to help keep buildings dry
- Must have the ability to perform a variety of roof repairs
- Must be able to work in various positions, including, but not limited to, stooping, standing, bending over, sitting, kneeling and squatting for extended periods of time
- Must be able to lift, pull and push materials and equipment to complete assigned job tasks
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs of weight frequently throughout assigned workday
- Must be able to work in precarious or high locations and also be able to climb and descend ladders or scaffolding

POSITION : RETAIL IN-STORE PRODUCT DEMONSTRATOR (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :

- Associate's Degree Preferred/High School Diploma Required
- Must have at least 2 years preferably current of product demonstrating and sales experience in a retail environment
- Must have thorough knowledge of office & school products
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Good working knowledge of MS word, excel and DDMS Software
- Must be able to stand up to six hours

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritizes, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities

- **People:**
 - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
 - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
 - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
 - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
 - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- **Financials:**
 - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
 - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
 - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- **Operations:**
 - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
 - Raises the bar in operational execution
- **Assets:**
 - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
 - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- **Availability**
 - Open availability.
 - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
 - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills

- **Analytical:** Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- **Problem Solving:** Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- **Organization & Planning:** Able to organize priorities and develop/ execute plans achieving desired results.
- **Coaching:** Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- **Team Building:** Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience preferred.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities

- **People:**
 - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
 - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
 - Personally coaches staff
 - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- **Financial**
 - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
 - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
 - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- **Operations**
 - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
 - Raises the bar in operational execution
- **Assets:**
 - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
 - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
 - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- **Availability**
 - Open availability.
 - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
 - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience preferred.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (3)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM) Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities

- **People**
 - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
 - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
 - Personally coaches staff
 - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.

All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: November 18, 2011

• **Financial**

- Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
- Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies

• **Operations**

- Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience preferred.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Crew Member (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC)

Summary of Responsibilities
Performs a variety of duties that may include the duties of a Telephone Person, Cashier, Register Person, Dough Person, Cut & Pack Cook, Maketable Pizza Preparer, Receiving & Stocking and Lot Person.

TELEPHONE PERSON
Essential Functions

- Answer telephone quickly within Pizza Hut guidelines.
- Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
- Accurately record customer orders on to POS system.
- Communicate to make table personnel any special requests.
- Keep counter and work area clean and organized at all times.

CASHIER
Essential Functions

- Ensures an accurate accounting of all transactions, collections and disbursements during work shift.
- Receives cash drawer at beginning of work shift and verifies the accuracy by counting money in cash drawer.
- Obtains and reviews information regarding price changes or menu specials.
- Greet guests as they enter the dining area or carryout area.
- May take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
- Itemizes and totals guests' food and beverage purchases or may collect food and beverage checks from guests and ring them to the register.
- Collects cash, checks, or charge payments from guests. Makes change for cash transactions, verifies identification for checks and prepares charge voucher for credit card purchases.
- Counts money, checks, and charge payments in cash drawer at end of shift.
- May reconcile checks, cash receipts and charge sales with total sales to verify accuracy of transactions.
- Stocks counters, display refrigerators, salad bar, and steam table neatly, accurately and in a timely fashion as per menu.
- Checks to ensure that all display foods are presented attractively as per standards.
- Displays food under appropriate hot or cold conditions as per standards.
- Keeps display equipment clean and free of debris during meal service, as assigned.
- Cleans workstation thoroughly before leaving area assignment.
- Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

REGISTER PERSON
Essential Functions

- Responsible for providing quick and efficient service to customers.
- Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
- Accurately records customer's orders on to POS system and computes the amount of the bill.
- Serves drinks from dispensing machines or makes and serves hot drinks from water heater or coffee maker.
- Picks up food items from serving bar or storage area. Places items on tray or in take-out containers.
- Checks orders to ensure that guest is receiving a complete and correct order.
- Informs kitchen staff of shortages or special requests.
- Collects payment from guest and makes change.
- Helps with preparation of food in kitchen.
- Helps with getting back up food on line
- Washes dishes.
- Informs manager of stock levels.
- Restocks drink station/supplies, paper.
- Checks supplies in counter area – napkins, crushed peppers and cheese, and restocks items to ensure a sufficient supply throughout shift.
- Wipes off front counter with cleaning solution and clean cloth. Keeps counter and floor clean at all times.
- Cleans and restocks dining room.
- Takes trash out to dumpster.
- Performs long-term maintenance on sidewalks, walls, and equipment.
- Sweeps and keeps exterior lot clean at all times throughout the shift.

DOUGH PERSON
Essential Functions

- Responsible for dough preparedness as prescribed from Manager In Charge
- Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures.
- Selects and transports raw items to work area and back. Stores finished products in proper places.
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare items as procedures require – dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

CUT & PACK COOK
Essential Functions

- Checks workstations for presence of small equipment, assembly materials, paper goods and condiments.
- Responsible for product assembly, checks appearance and calls out preparation times for all orders.
- Monitors oven setting according to Pizza Hut standards.
- Checks all finished products to ensure compliance with Pizza Hut standards.
- Communicates with maketable personnel, front line personnel and MIC for quality controls and feedback.

MAKETABLE PIZZA PREPARER
Essential Functions

- Responsible and required to prepare and assemble all products according to customer's order and according to Pizza Hut portioning specifications.
- Sets up the maketable by checking the worktable, counter,

dough cabinets, and line refrigeration to ensure they are properly stocked prior to the meal production period.

- Checks all workstations (maketable, pasta) for presence of appropriate small equipment, assembly materials, and stock levels.
- Monitors all food production areas for safety and sanitation practices and procedures. Checks for cleanliness and orderliness and provides direction/takes action as necessary.
- Sets up production cycles, ensure proper inventory levels are available, and calls to back up or replenish items as necessary.
- Reads order on video or printer as they appear. Calls out and coordinates specials/missing items to ensure quick service. Tracks preparation times on all orders (TITO), checks weight and appearance and passes item into oven.
- Periodically monitors need of food and materials supplies, takes action as necessary.
- Communicates clearly and effectively to food production personnel, receives information and feedback from them on their needs, and takes action based on observation and information received.
- Cleans and sanitizes workstations on an ongoing basis during meal preparation periods and at the end of the meal period.
- Monitors work of kitchen staff in the completion of their close-down duties and responsibilities.

RECEIVING & STOCKING
Essential Functions

- Responsible for the receipt and storage of all food, supplies and materials received in the restaurant using proper EXPERT, FIFO and Pizza Hut procedures.
- Receives all food, supplies, and materials.
- Checks all incoming items for count, quality and specification.
- Ensures that items are received and stored at the proper temperatures.
- Maintains the completion and compliance of all delivery and inventory records as defined by proper Pizza Hut procedures.
- Keeps all storage areas and inventory in a neat and orderly fashion.
- Maintains the quality of the restaurant products by ensuring that all inventory are dated properly before storing to effect proper FIFO usage.
- Maintains the safety of the restaurant by ensuring that all storage areas are free of hazardous conditions.

LOT PERSON
Essential Functions

- Receives assignment from Manager In Charge at the start of shift.
- Maintains cleanliness and sanitation of dining room including all tables, chairs, support bars, floors, windows, and trash receptacles.
- Cleans and restocks drink station with ice and lids as needed.
- Cleans and restocks restroom facilities with soap, toilet tissue and paper towels. Empties trash containers, cleans walls, doors, basin, mirrors, floors and toilets.
- Maintains exterior cleanliness from litter and debris. Checks lighting, windows, landscape, parking lot, sidewalks, trash corral and signage.
- Communicates with manager in charge to maintain cleanliness efficiency and ensures guest satisfaction. This includes assisting guests with trays and opening doors.
- Follows priority sequence on lot checks, should take care of any eye soars first, such as spilled drinks, overflowing trash receptacles, etc.
- Return trays to designated area to be cleaned.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Communicates clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers in English. Must possess basic math skills.

Required Experience
Food service and food production experience preferred. Cash handling experience preferred.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience preferred.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 25 lbs.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Building and Ground Maintenance, (1) Sale Person, (1) Administrative Assistant

2 years experience required. Minimum wage.

Interested applicants may call 433-0928 for more details

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Dental Assistant
5 years minimum experience. Must also be able to fabricate partial dentures. \$6.50/hour

Dental Hygienist
3 years minimum experience. \$6.50 to \$8.00/hour

Bookkeeper/Office Assistant
Must have good computer skills. Must be confident, outgoing and professional. \$6.00+ / hour

Drop resume with photo to our clinic, located in Middle Road across Garapan Central Park. Call 233-3300 only if needed.

POI Aviation
Invites qualified US workers to apply for the following positions:

Aircraft Service Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Applications can be obtained at the POI Aviation Office at the Continental Cargo Building at the airport. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than November 21, 2011. Back ground checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

POI Aviation is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

HOFFSCHNEIDER LAND SURVEYING is a licensed Professional Surveying Company located in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands is currently looking for qualified applicant to fill the following positions:

1 – Surveyor
Successful candidate will have an extensive knowledge of the fundamentals of land surveying using conventional methods and equipments and will have experience in making exact measurements and determining property boundaries. Provide data relevant to the shape, contour, gravitation, location, elevation, or dimension of land or land features on or near the earth's surface for engineering, mapmaking, mining , land elevation, construction, and other purposes.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelors Degree in Surveying or Associate Degree with 5 years experience.
- 5 to 10 years of experience preferred.
- GPS Post Processing experience.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.

1 – Surveyor Technician/Helper
Successful candidate will have experience in performing various types of boundary, right-of-way, topographic, control and construction staking surveys.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High School Graduate
- 3+ years of work experience
- Dependable and Strong Desire to Work Outdoors under Normal to Extreme Conditions.

For consideration, please submit your resume to our office via hand delivered, fax or E-Mail. No Phone Calls or Walk-ins will be accepted. HOFFSCHNEIDER LAND SURVEYING CO. is located on the ground floor of J.E. Tenorio Bldg in Gualo Rai, Garapan. Fax number is (670) 235-8914. E-Mail address is joehof17@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as \$27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	\$15	\$27
• 5-Liner	\$24	\$39
• 3-Liner with picture	\$24	\$42
• 5-Liner with picture	\$36	\$57

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:

- All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the Saipan Tribune are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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Players reject NBA's offer, threatening season



NEW YORK (AP)—NBA players delivered a resounding but risky response to one more ultimatum from NBA Commissioner David Stern: See you in court.

The players' association rejected the league's latest proposal for a new labor deal Monday and began disbanding, paving the way for a lawsuit that throws the season in jeopardy.

Negotiating went nowhere, so now the union is going away.

And Stern said "nuclear winter" is coming.

"We're prepared to file this antitrust action against the NBA," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "That's the best situation where players can get their due process."

And that's a tragedy as far as Stern is concerned.

"It looks like the 2011-12 season is really in jeopardy," Stern said in an interview aired on ESPN. "It's just a big charade. To do it now, the union is ratcheting up I guess to see if they can scare the NBA owners or something. That's not happening."

Hunter said players were not prepared to agree to Stern's ultimatum to accept the current proposal or face a worse one, saying they thought it was "extremely unfair." And they're aware what this battle might cost them.

"We understand the consequences of potentially missing the season; we understand the consequences that players could potentially face if things don't go our way, but it's a risk worth taking," union vice president Maurice Evans said. "It's the right move to do."

But it's risky.

Hunter said all players will be represented in a class-action suit against the NBA by attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and David Boies—who were on opposite sides of the NFL labor dispute, Kessler working for the players, Boies for the league.

"Mr. Kessler got his way, and we're about to go into the nuclear winter of the NBA," Stern told ESPN. "If I were a player ... I would be wondering what it is that Billy Hunter just did."

The league already has filed a pre-emptive lawsuit seeking to prove the lockout is legal and contends that without a union that collectively bargained them, the players' guaranteed contracts could legally be voided.

During oral arguments on Nov. 2, the NBA asked U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe to decide the legality of its lockout, but he was reluctant to wade into the league's labor mess. Gardephe has yet to issue a ruling.

Two years of bargaining couldn't produce a deal, with owners' desires for more competitive balance clashing with players' wishes to keep the salary cap system largely intact. The sides last met Thursday, when the league offered a revised proposal but told the players



Surrounded by NBA players, including New York Knicks' Chauncy Billups, left, and Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook, right, NBA Players Association president Derek Fisher speaks during a news conference after a meeting of the players' union in New York, Monday, Nov. 14, 2011. AP

there would be no further negotiating on it.

Stern, who is a lawyer, had urged players to take the deal on the table, saying it's the best the NBA could offer and advised that decertification is not a winning strategy.

Players ignored that warning, choosing instead to dissolve the union, giving them a chance to win several billion dollars in triple damages in an antitrust lawsuit.

"This is the best decision for the players," union president Derek Fisher said. "I want to reiterate that point, that a lot of individual players have a lot of things personally at stake in terms of their careers and where they stand. And right now they feel it's important—we all feel it's important to all our players, not just the ones in this room, but our entire group—that we not only try to get a deal done for today but for the body of NBA players that will come into this league over the next decade and beyond."

Fisher, flanked at a press conference by dozens of player representatives and superstars including Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony, said the decision was unanimous. But there were surely players throughout the league who would have preferred union leadership put the proposal to a vote of the full membership, with many ready to go back to work.

The sides still can negotiate during the legal process, so players didn't want to write off the season just yet.

"I don't want to make any assumptions," union VP Keyon Dooling said. "I believe we'll continue to try to get a deal done or let this process play out. I don't know what to expect from this process."

Hunter said the NBPA's "notice of

disclaimer" was filed with Stern's office about an hour before the news conference announcing the move. Now, the NBPA is in the process of converting to a trade association as the fight shifts to the courts.

"The fact that the two biggest legal adversaries in the NFL players dispute over the NFL lockout both agree that the NBA lockout is now illegal and subject to triple damages speaks for itself," Kessler said in an email to The Associated Press. "I am delighted to work together with David Boies on behalf of the NBA players."

Hunter said the bargaining process had "completely broken down." Players made numerous economic concessions and were willing to meet the owners' demands of a 50-50 split of basketball-related income—a transfer of about \$280 million annually from their feeling the league's desires to improve competitive balance would hurt their guaranteed 57 percent under the old deal—but only if the owners met them on their system wishes.

"This deal could have been done. It should have been done," Hunter said. "We've given and given and given, and they got to the place where they just reached for too much and the players decided to push back."

Over the weekend, Stern said he would not cancel the season this week.

Regardless, damage already has been done, in many ways.

Financially, both sides have lost hundreds of millions because of the games missed and the countless more that will be wiped out before play resumes. Team employees are losing money, and in some cases, jobs. And both the owners and players eventually must regain the loyalty of an angered fan base that

wonders how the league reached this low point after such a strong 2010-11 season.

"It's horrible," said Ty Agee, president of the Beale Street Merchants Association in Memphis, Tenn. "This is bad. Personally, I don't believe they will be able to fix it. This is really, really bad."

And it was seemingly destined. Hunter said he believed years ago owners were going to lock out the players until they could force through the changes they sought. Given that, he has been criticized for not disbanding the union sooner in hopes of creating some leverage that the union never had.

The proposal rejected by the players called for a 72-game season beginning Dec. 15.

On Sunday, the league made a very public push on the positives of the deal—hosting a 90-minute twitter chat to answer questions from players and fans, posting a YouTube video to explain the key points and sending a memo from Stern to players urging them to "study our proposal carefully, and to accept it as a fair compromise of the issues between us."

In the memo, posted on the league's website, Stern highlighted points of the deal and asked players to focus on the compromises the league made during negotiations, such as dropping its demands for a hard salary cap, non-guaranteed contracts and salary rollbacks.

Union officials repeatedly have said the system issues are perhaps more important to them than the split of basketball-related income, but owners say they need fundamental changes in both to allow for a chance to profit and to ensure more competitive balance throughout the league.

The previous CBA expired at the end of the day June 30. Despite a

series of meetings in June, there was never much hope of a deal before that deadline, with owners wanting significant changes after saying they lost \$300 million last season and hundreds of millions more in each year of the old agreement, which was ratified in 2005.

Owners wanted to keep more of the league's nearly \$4 billion in basketball revenues. And they sought a system where even the smallest-market clubs could compete, believing the current system would always favor the teams who could spend the most.

The NBA's last work stoppage reduced the 1998-99 season to 50 games. Monday marked the 137th day of the lockout; the NFL lockout lasted 136 days.

In its labor battle, NFL players tried to get the courts to overturn the lockout and let players return to work. Although a Minnesota judge initially ruled in favor of the players, that ruling was put on hold by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Given the rulings that came down in the NFL case, which are not binding in the 2nd circuit but would be influential, right now the owners are not in a bad spot," said antitrust attorney David Scupp of Constantine Cannon in New York City. "It could very well be that the players have an uphill battle toward getting that lockout enjoined. If they can do that, then it might swing things in their favor."

But time is not on anyone's side.

"If you look at what happened with the NFL case, that whole legal battle surrounding the temporary injunction was resolved relatively quickly, and it still took a few months," Scupp said. "There's not a few months to spare this time around."

Kemp says he and Dodgers close to long-term deal



COMPTON, Calif. (AP)—Matt Kemp and the Los Angeles Dodgers are close to completing a long-term contract.

ESPN and the Los Angeles Times reported that the All-Star center fielder is on the verge of signing an eight-year, \$160 million deal, but Kemp said no agreement has been finalized.

"We've still got a little bit more to go, little more things to work out," Kemp said Monday following the dedication of a youth field in Compton, where he was joined by outgoing Dodgers owner Frank McCourt. "Hopefully I'll be a Dodger for years to come."

The team declined to comment. Kemp's agent, Dave Stewart, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

The deal would make Kemp one of baseball's highest-paid players and it would be the largest in team history. The previous record was set in 1998 when pitcher Kevin Brown signed a \$105 million, seven-year deal.

The 27-year-old Kemp made a run at the elusive Triple Crown this season, leading the National League in home runs (39) and RBIs (126). He finished

third in batting average at .324 and stole 40 bases.

A leading contender for NL MVP, Kemp can become a free agent after the 2012 season.

This offseason, the Dodgers' main challenge is to try to lock up Kemp and ace lefty Clayton Kershaw, both of whom are eligible for arbitration.

The club filed for bankruptcy protec-

tion earlier this year and McCourt recently reached an agreement with Major League Baseball for a court-supervised sale of the team and its media rights.

McCourt said he doesn't regret agreeing to sell the team and he wants to make sure he leaves the franchise in better shape than he found it.

"It got to a point where it became very, very clear to me that it was the right decision," he said. "It wasn't my first choice, but it's something I'm comfortable with."

Rodgers throws 4 TDs, Packers beat Vikings, 45-7



GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Another night, another four-touchdown performance for Aaron Rodgers—just about what the Green Bay Packers have come to expect from their superstar quarterback.

The real surprise came on the other side of the ball: A defense that finally showed it can take charge of a game.

The Packers (9-0) remain the NFL's lone undefeated team. And if they now can count on a defense to complement their high-octane offense, they just might be unstoppable.

Rodgers threw for four scores against a fierce Vikings pass rush, Randall Cobb returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown and the Packers defense contained Adrian Peterson and the Minnesota Vikings in a 45-7 victory on Monday night.

"It's (our) best game, because of the margin of victory," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "And at the end of the day, it's about points."

Green Bay's defense came into the game giving up nearly 300 yards passing per game, second-most in the NFL. Their last time out, the Packers nearly blew a big lead in the fourth quarter at San Diego, holding on for a 45-38 victory.

The Packers finally played to their potential against the division rival Vikings (2-7), holding rookie quarterback Christian Ponder to 190 yards passing with an interception and limiting Peterson to 51 yards and a touchdown.

"Our performance tonight was very disappointing," Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said.

The Vikings' defense did its best to rough up Rodgers, sacking him three times and hitting



Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers looks to pass with Minnesota Vikings' Jared Allen defending during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, in Green Bay, Wis.

him hard virtually every time he took off running. Defensive end Jared Allen harassed Rodgers at

every turn.

The pressure didn't force any uncharacteristic mistakes from

Rodgers, who was 23 of 30 for 250 yards without an interception. Rodgers threw a pair of

touchdown passes to Jordy Nelson, and also found Greg Jennings and John Kuhn for scores.

Allen didn't need anybody to recite Rodgers' gaudy stats.

"I don't even know what that means," Allen said. "All I know is he crushed us tonight."

McCarthy put backup quarterback Matt Flynn in the game with 10:30 left in the fourth quarter—and the Vikings couldn't keep him out of the end zone, either, as he scrambled 3 yards for a touchdown with 4:27 left.

But it was Cobb, a second-round rookie out of Kentucky, who got it all started for the Packers.

After the Packers' defense forced the Vikings to go three-and-out on their first possession, Cobb fielded a punt from Chris Kluwe and squeezed through a seam in the middle of the field.

Cobb accelerated down the left sideline and danced the final few steps into the end zone, tossing the ball in the air as if he was shooting a basketball before doing a "Lambeau leap" into the stands.

Cobb also had a 108-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the Packers' season opener against the New Orleans Saints.

Rodgers finally got the ball at the 9:55 mark in the first quarter and directed an 11-play, 70-yard drive that included conversions on third-and-8, to Donald Driver, and third-and-7, to running back James Starks. Rodgers then finished the drive with a perfect pass to Jennings in the middle of the field for a touchdown, and the Packers led 14-0.

With the Vikings driving near the end of the first quarter, Charles Woodson wrestled a ball away from Visanthe Shiancoe for what initially was ruled an interception. Frazier chal-

lenged the call and it was overturned, giving Ryan Longwell a shot at a 47-yard field goal.

But the Vikings committed a penalty, and Longwell came up just short on a 52-yard attempt.

Rodgers then put together another drive, and Rodgers hit tight end Jermichael Finley for 25 yards on a fourth-and-5 conversion attempt at the Vikings 34-yard line. Allen sacked Rodgers on first-and-goal, and the Packers ended up settling for a 25-yard field goal by Mason Crosby to take a 17-0 lead with 12:04 left before halftime.

Ponder then threw an interception to Packers cornerback Tramon Williams, misfiring on a deep ball after a flea-flicker toss back from Peterson.

Rodgers was sharp on the first possession of the second half, leading an eight-play, 69-yard drive that included a fourth-down conversion to Nelson.

Rodgers found Nelson on the right sideline two plays later, Nelson threw a stiff arm at Vikings cornerback Cedric Griffin and broke free for a touchdown, giving the Packers a commanding 24-0 lead with 10:45 left in the third quarter.

The Packers forced another punt but Cobb fumbled, and the Vikings recovered deep in Packers territory.

Ponder threw to Percy Harvin for 11 yards, then handed to Peterson for a 3-yard touchdown up the middle. The Vikings cut the Packers' lead to 24-7 with 8:41 left in the third quarter.

Cobb then made up for his mistake with a long kickoff return to give the ball to the Packers at midfield. Rodgers led yet another precision drive, finishing it off with a 9-yard touchdown pass to Kuhn for a 31-7 lead.



PITTSBURGH
(AP) — A

youth charity at the center of the child sex abuse charges against former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky received donations in recent years from hundreds of corporations, community groups and individuals—including the judge who arraigned Sandusky earlier this month and Penn State itself.

The charity, The Second Mile, announced Monday it had accepted the resignation of its president, Jack Raykovitz, who said he hoped his departure would help restore faith in its mission. The charity also announced it had hired Philadelphia's longtime district attorney as its new general counsel.

Raykovitz, a practicing psychologist, had led the charity, which was founded by Sandusky in 1977, for 28 years. His resignation was accepted Sunday.

Raykovitz had testified before a grand jury that recommended indicting Sandusky on child abuse charges. The panel

President of Pa. charity linked to abuse resigns

said Sandusky found his victims through the charity's programs.

The grand jury report called Sandusky the charity's primary fundraiser, and The Second Mile's annual reports show that some donations came from entities now involved in the scandal.

Penn State donated money even after high-ranking university officials were told that Sandusky had been seen sexually assaulting a boy on campus. Penn State donated between \$1,000 and \$1,999 to The Second Mile in 2009, and its Altoona campus donated between \$2,000 and \$4,999 that year.

Another donor was State College District Judge Leslie A. Dutchcot, who set Sandusky's bail earlier this month. She and her husband donated between \$500 and \$999 to The Second Mile in 2009, and she volunteered for the group, according to annual reports and her website.

The judge set bail for Sandusky at \$100,000 unsecured—meaning he did not have to post

collateral to be freed but would have to post \$100,000 if he ever failed to show up for a hearing.

Dutchcot did not immediately respond to a question on whether she will recuse herself from the case because of those past ties to The Second Mile. She has removed the mention of The Second Mile from her website.

Major companies and their foundations also have given to The Second Mile. Between 2008 and 2010, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Highmark Foundation, The Hershey Co. and State Farm Companies Foundation all gave \$50,000 or more to the charity.

Other donors included U.S. Steel Corp., the University of Pittsburgh, The Pepsi Bottling Group, Frito-Lay, the Pa. School Counselors Association, local Walgreens and newspapers.

Raykovitz said in a statement Monday that he hopes his resignation would mark the beginning of a "restoration of faith in the community of volunteers

and staff" at The Second Mile.

Tax forms indicate that Raykovitz's wife, Katherine Genovese, was executive vice president of The Second Mile. She has been with the group since 1984. It's unclear if she still works at the charity, as the staff biography page has been removed from the website.

According to a 2009 tax return, Raykovitz received about \$133,000 from The Second Mile that year and Genovese received about \$100,000.

The Second Mile has said that its youth programs serve as many as 100,000 boys and girls a year. Many children are referred by guidance counselors but the charity also works with foster children and operates fitness camps. According to Sandusky's biography, "Touched," the charity began by serving just 35 children through two programs.

Sandusky, who retired from Penn State in 1999, informed The Second Mile board in November 2008 that he was un-

der investigation. The charity subsequently barred him from activities involving children, charity officials said.

The ex-coach is accused of assaulting eight boys, some on Penn State property, over a 15-year span. He told NBC he's not a pedophile but said he had "horsed around with kids" and "touched their legs without intent of sexual contact."

Penn State athletic director Tim Curley and senior vice president Gary Schultz were charged with perjury related to the case. They have denied wrongdoing and have left their university posts. Others who claim they saw or heard about child abuse told only their immediate supervisors, not police, according to a grand jury report.

State Sen. Kim Ward said Monday she is writing a bill that would require all employees of colleges and universities to report suspected child abuse to the person in charge of the institution and to ChildLine, a

child abuse reporting hotline.

"The Penn State situation just showed a glaring problem in the law," said Ward, who also wants to increase the penalties for not reporting to make a second offense a felony.

Sandusky continues to collect a \$59,000 annual pension and received a \$148,000 lump sum when he retired from the university in 1999, according to the Patriot-News of Harrisburg. Schultz collects more than \$330,000 yearly from his pension and received a \$442,000 lump payment upon retirement in 2009, the newspaper reported.

The abuse scandal led to the departure of university president Graham Spanier and the dismissal of legendary head coach Joe Paterno after law enforcement officials said they didn't do enough to stop suspected abuse when it was reported to them in 2002.

Paterno has conceded he should have done more. Spanier, who remains a tenured member of the faculty, has said he would have reported a crime if he'd suspected one had been committed.

Hunters present trophy to sponsor Toothworks

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The Toothworks-JC Marketing Hunters presented

its 2011 Saipan Little League Big Division team sportsmanship trophy and certificate of appreciation to Dr. Alan Markoff, D.D.S. of Toothworks on Friday at their office in the TSL Plaza.

Team manager Tony Guerrero along with his son Anthony, assistant coach Pete Guerrero, player Eloy Cruz, and rookie Clayton Agnon met with Markoff and his staff to show their appreciation for their valued support.

"We want to thank Toothworks for helping make last season possible for us and feel it's only right to give them the trophy. We hope to bond a lasting friendship for many seasons and trophies to come," smiled Guerrero during the handoff.

Guerrero invited the staff to come watch them play next year and looks forward to putting on a good show.

Guerrero also is the head coach for the Junior Division Hunters, which boasts six returning players.



Members of Saipan Little League's Big Division Hunters present Dr. Alan Markoff DDS, center, with their 2011 team sportsmanship trophy at the Toothworks office at the TSL Plaza last Friday.

The veteran junior Hunters include Tommy, Thomas, and Jerome Reyes, Robert Tudela, Ian Lizama, and Jeremy Atalig and are expecting to pick up Major Division all-stars Alex Monkeya and Jonathan Cabrera.

Most of the players reside in Dandan and the Hunters is entering its fourth season as a

team. The team also partners with the Bank of Saipan Red Sox in developing the younger players as they graduate through the age divisions.

Guerrero also had latte stone plaques crafted, which he will present to their co-sponsors, JC Marketing and Marianas Printing.

The Hunters finished the

2011 season with a 2-6 win-loss record, but have five returning players expected to suit up next season.

The Big League Hunters include Anthony Guerrero, Eloy Cruz, Joseph Palacios, Anthony Mendiola, and Lincoln Ingram.

The 2012 Saipan Little League season is expected to start sometime in February.

TENORIO

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Games in Palau. The CNMI's Kai Staal took the gold medal in the 50m breaststroke in Palau with a time of 31.95 seconds

"Shigeki was not that satisfied with his result, but for me it was a good one," Hiro Kimura said.

After Tenorio, Kensuke Kimura was the next to plunge into the Tokyo pool last Sunday. The younger Kimura joined the

100m individual medley race and submitted 1:03.95. Kensuke Kimura missed the 1:02.54 record of Rezne Wong during the 2009 Japan Open, which was another short course meet, but the former surpassed the 1:04.75 Staal posted in the 2009 Tokyo Junior Sprint.

"This good result is a big step toward Kensuke's goal of winning the 100m IM in the Tokyo Junior Sprint 2012," Hiro Kimura said.

Kensuke Kimura and Tenorio, who returned to Saipan

early yesterday morning, also swam in the 50m freestyle last Sunday and clocked in at 26.26 and 26.76 seconds, respectively, to beat Guam's Shane Aricayos (26.80 seconds). Darren Tan of Singapore ruled the heat with his time of 24.63 seconds.

Tenorio earned 479 and 436 FINA points in the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle, while Kensuke Kimura received 500 and 461. Points were awarded to swimmers to determine the overall men's and women's champions after the seven-leg

series. Sweden's Therese Alshammar and South Africa's Chad Le Clos took the women's and men's championships and received \$100,000 each.

Meanwhile, Hiro Kimura thanked the Japan Swimming Federation for allowing the two CNMI swimmers to compete in Tokyo.

"Japan Swimming Federation executive director Kihou Abe promised to invite CNMI swimmers for the FINA World Cup next year," the Tsunami Saipan coach said.

GOLDEN

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Golden Racquet's two other doubles victory last Saturday via straight sets came from the pairs of Eydie Uy and Jordan and Marylyn Montano and Jen Savellano. Uy and Jordan downed Luis Camacho and Panapa Peteru in the men's doubles C, 21-13, 21-17, while Montano and Savellano defeated Gigi Zapanta and Merlie Tolentino in the women's doubles B, 21-11, 21-19.

Also delivering a win for Golden Racquet last Saturday was Annarose Omori and Montano, who edged Angie Ito and

Shirley Kim in three games, 21-17, 13-21, 21-17.

TAGA won two matches during the opening day of the team tournament, courtesy of the duos of Andrew Galvez and Espana and Rose Lazaro and Elna Curate. Galvez and Espana swept Edwin Montoya and Eric Pena in the men's doubles A, 21-13, 21-7, while Lazaro and Curate topped Lupe Sabino and Chris Obaldo, 23-21, 23-21.

After completing six matches last Saturday, Golden Racquet and TAGA played the remaining five last Sunday with the former winning three of them to pull off the close victory.

Vic Regis and Cheng Zingcapen gave Golden Racquet

a 2-1 win when they beat Tan and Loyda Ito in the mixed doubles A, 21-13, 25-27, 21-10. In the mixed doubles B, Golden Racquet's Lito Mendoza and Savellano thwarted Camacho and Cristy Villafior, 20-22, 21-13, 21-12. Golden Racquet went on to sweep the mixed doubles matches after Kanata Omori and Obaldo triumphed over Peteru and Lazaro in the mixed doubles C event, 15-21, 21-3, 21-7.

After losing the three mixed doubles games, TAGA recovered in the two singles matches with Galvez and Ito sweeping their separate foes. Galvez prevailed over Alvin Alvarez in the men's singles, while Ito won over Anna Alvarez in the wom-

en's singles.

Besides the Golden Racquet and TAGA, three other clubs—Saipan Badminton Club, Shirley's BC, and the Berks Blazers—are competing in the team tournament. Results of the Berks Blazers-Shirley's BC pairing along with the partial scores of the Saipan Badminton Club-TAGA duel will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

Format for this year's Traders Insurance team tournament is round robin with only the Top 4 teams advancing to the cross-over semifinals. Team standings will be determined by adding all games won after the round-robin play.

dan's reign in the youth competition after the former collected 615 pinfalls in the Sunday roll-off. McKenzie and Aldan, who alternately recorded winning streaks in the first 10 monthly tournaments, finished second and fourth, respectively, in the November roll-off. McKenzie earned 578 pinfalls, while Aldan saved 492.

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the higher score is counted.

Twelve other keglers joined the November contest. The list includes Raymond Angeles (700 pinfalls), Simon Manacop (693), Ruselle Zapanta (666), Percy Omechelang (655), Ben-

jie Cruz (636), Joe Sto. Domingo (629), Ronald Batac (614), Efrén Cacdac (603), Jae Yong Kim (559), Yong Woon Lee (558), and Jerry Kaneshi (475).

In the Queen of the Lanes, Lala Taitano had her winning performance in Day 1 where she totaled 718 pinfalls (178, 167, 182, and 190). She won over former monthly winners

Yho Villavicencio (667) and Diane Chong (646).

Others who competed for the November tiara were Myrna Santos (640), Gloria Omechelang (627), Elena Soll (613), Tess Fabie (600), Carol McKenzie (572), and Gigi Zapanta (528).

In the Fiji Prince of the Lanes tournament, Taisacan ended Marion McKenzie and M.J. Al-

BRM bike race set for Dec. 18



Beach Road Magazine will be hosting an MTB and road bike race next month in celebration of its 10th anniversary.

Dubbed as *Beach Road Magazine* Jungle Bell MTB Bike and Road Race, the event will take place on Dec. 18 and will have four categories: children's race, MTB short and long course, and road race division.

The children's race, which will start and end at the parking lot of Paupau Beach. Older children will do two laps of the course and young ones will complete only one lap. For the MTB short course, bikers will leave the starting line and turn left to the parking to Marianas Country Club Road, bear right onto Binadu Dr., left at "T" (water tank), behind the golf course to Suicide Cliff road (Marpí Parkway), right to Kimikaze, left to Grotto road, left down Santa Clause Lane, and straight back to Paupau via landfill road. For the MTB long course, after the Kimikaze trail, bikers will head to Autobahn, Santa Clause Lane, and Banzai, before heading back to Paupau Beach. The road race will also begin at Paupau and bikers will head to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai before returning to the starting line.

Medals and other prizes will be given to the winners in each category. Raffle draws will also take place after the race.

Next month's race will coincide with the launching of North-

ern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation—the latest sports group formed in the CNMI and aims to assist organizations in holding bike races in the Commonwealth.

NMIFC president Vince Seman, in a press release, added NMIFC will be the umbrella organization for local cycling clubs and will help CNMI athletes and cycling programs become eligible for grants, funding, and participation in regional and international events. "I'm relatively new to mountain biking but instantly got hooked with my first trail ride. I got involved with NMIFC to help grow the sport locally and hopefully give our top riders a chance to put the CNMI on the map internationally," Seman said.

"I am looking forward to this race. It will be a great opportunity to get to get back on the bike after the Hell of the Marianas and at the same time become a part of a history by participating in the launching of the NMIFC," NMIFC vice president Lewie Tenorio said.

Meanwhile, *Beach Road Magazine* account manager Susan Marchitti said next month's race has drawn the support of PHI Pharmacy, Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Grand Hotel, and Brabu Pharmacy. Registration is set for 5:30am and entrance fee is only \$10, while the race starts at 6:30am.

For more information, contact Marchitti at 235-7645. **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

SCC

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off is scheduled for 7am.

An excellent and lengthy list of awards and raffle prizes are being offered for participants and wives.

Hole-in-one prizes are offered by Bank of Hawaii (\$25,000), Triple J Motors (Hyundia Accent), Century Insurance/AON (\$5,000), and Takagi and Associates Insurance (\$5,000). Closest to the pin awards include roundtrip tickets to the U.S. mainland and Japan contributed by Delta Air Lines. There will be long drive contesting, as well.

Each category of competition will be awarded \$600, \$300, and \$200 for first, second, and third place finishers.

SCC president Douglas Brennan thanked the many SCC members that are contributing to making this year's SCC Holiday Tournament a success, and wished all golfers the best of luck.

SSC, founded in 1959, and incorporated in 1976, is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. SSC works to promote and protect business, economic and civic interests, and the general health and welfare of our islands. **(SSC)**



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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	259	200
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	215	200
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	229	218
Miami	2	7	0	.222	158	178

South

Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	186	172
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	115	166
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

North

Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	225	152
Cincinnati	6	3	0	.667	212	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	131	183

West

Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	233
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	216	228
Denver	4	5	0	.444	188	234
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	141	218

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	218	211
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	223	182
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	220	203
Washington	3	6	0	.333	136	178

South

New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	212	196
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	156	233
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	190	237

North

Green Bay	9	0	0	1.000	320	186
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	252	184
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	237	187
Minnesota	2	7	0	.222	179	244

West

San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	233	138
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	144	202
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	183	213
St. Louis	2	7	0	.222	113	223

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Tenorio, Kimura complete FINA World Cup debuts

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C NMI swimmers Shigeki Tenorio and Kensuke Kimura's debuts in the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup are now in the books after they completed their races over the weekend at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center in Japan.

Tenorio of Tsunami Saipan first saw action for the Commonwealth in the last stop of the seven-leg World Cup series and timed in at 32.27 seconds in the 50m breaststroke event of the short course competition (25-meter pool) last Saturday.

"He could not break his lifetime best of 31.60 seconds, but his result in Tokyo is his fastest time this season," Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said.

The Tsunami Saipan coach added that Tenorio's time is better than the 33.35 seconds Dane Bishop of the Marshall Islands recorded last year when the latter won the silver medal in the 2010 Micronesian

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CNMI swimmers Shigeki Tenorio, left, and Kensuke Kimura pose for a photo before competing in the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup last weekend at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center in Japan.

Golden Racquet slips past TAGA

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The opening of the 5th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament had a down-to-the-wire finish with the Golden Racquet outclassing TAGA, 17-16, over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Golden Racquet-TAGA tussle featured 11 events with each category played in three games and the team with the

most games won prevailing in the pairing. Golden Racquet swept three doubles event, won four more doubles categories on 2-1 decisions, and lost two doubles and two singles.

Noli Santos and Edwin Maratas gave Golden Racquet its first doubles win when they swept TAGA's Rodwealth Espana and Jerry Tan in the men's doubles B last Saturday, 21-11, 21-10.

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Golden Racquet's Edwin Maratas returns during his and Noli Santos' game against TAGA's Jerry Tan and Rodwealth Espana in the men's doubles B division of the Traders Insurance tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

First-time winners in November roll-offs

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The Saipan Bowling Association's November roll-offs produced first-time winners in Alex Castro, Lala Taitano, and John Taisacan.

Castro topped the Budweiser King of the Lanes tournament after scoring 797 pinfalls in Day 2 of the monthly competition last Monday night at the Capitol



Castro



Taisacan



Taitano

Bowling Center. Castro clinched the November title after his strong showings in the last two games where he knocked down 235 and 236 pins, respectively. In Games 1 and 2, Castro tallied

162 and 164 pinfalls for an average of 199.25 pinfalls.

Joining Castro in the Top 3 were Roger De Guzman and Paul Pangelinan, who also bowled only in the second day

of the event. De Guzman had a four-game total of 768 pinfalls (189, 210, 197, and 172) to finish second, while Pangelinan claimed third place after his 705 pinfalls (168, 166, 186, and 185).

Day 1 leader Raphael Zapan-ta, who recorded 671 pinfalls last Sunday, dropped to sixth place. He also joined the Monday roll-off, but managed only 629 pinfalls. In the monthly roll-offs, bowlers are allowed to compete for two days, but only

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SCC Holiday Golf Tournament on Dec. 17



The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host its 4th Annual SCC Holiday Golf Tournament on Dec. 17, 2011 at Suwaso Corp.'s Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort at Koblerville.

The SCC Holiday Tournament is an annual fundraising event for the Chamber's Educational Committee and its education/scholarship awards.

Originally scheduled in October, SCC decided to move its tournament closer to Christmas to afford golfers' wives the opportunity to allow their husbands to participate by way of Christ-



Bank of Hawaii's branch manager John Sheather and BOH's Lisa San Nicolas present Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Doug Brennan, executive director Richard Pierce, and SCC coordinator Janice Tenorio with a check for \$25,000 for a hole-in-one prize at the SCC Holiday Tournament set for Dec. 17, 2011.

mas presents. Golfing husbands, of course, would then be able to reward their wives with any of a number of expensive, gorgeous and luxurious items made available at the raffling event at the SCC Awards Banquet following the golf tournament.

This year's SCC Holiday Tournament is a two-man best ball scramble event with Men's Low Gross, Men's Low Net (Double Peoria), and Women's Low Net (Double Peoria) categories. The Dec. 17 COP tournament's entry fee is \$95 per player. Tournament day registration is \$105 per player. Registration fees include greens fees, prizes, and the awards banquet. Show time is 6am and tee

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